

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R. cf. 30

R. Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or:

Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Wis 1: 7

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
from the clear celestial height
thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
come with treasures which endure,
come, thou light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best,
thou, the soul's delightful guest,
dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,
pleasant coolness in the heat,
solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,
visit thou these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away,
nothing pure in man will stay;
all his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds; our strength renew;
on our dryness pour thy dew;
wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
melt the frozen, warm the chill;
guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
thee confess and thee adore,
with thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
give us life with thee on high;
give us joys that never end.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

R.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Acts 2:4,11

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Christianity is a religion of the "Spirit". It is the Spirit who gives life, who "renews" the face of the earth, who brings about a "new creation".

Romans, Paul writes that, "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom 5,5). The Spirit

Without the Spirit Jesus would just be another historical figure and the Gospel would be just an ancient text to be studied by scholars. Jesus gives us the gift of the Spirit and it is this same Spirit which allows us to cry out "Abba, Father!" It is the Spirit which brings us right into the centre of the communion of love of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. In his Letter to the

that is given to us is the Spirit of the Risen Jesus and to receive the gift of this Spirit we too must die and rise with Christ through our immersion in the waters of baptism. But this is just the beginning of our lives as Christians. It is in the living out of our baptism by allowing ourselves to be guided by Spirit in our words, deeds and actions that we can hope to say with Paul that "it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2,20).



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE VALUE AND MEANING OF
FORGIVENESS

236. There are those who prefer not to talk of reconciliation, for they think that conflict, violence and breakdown are part of the normal functioning of a society. In any human group there are always going to be more or less subtle power struggles between different parties. Others think that promoting forgiveness means yielding ground and influence to others. For this reason, they feel it is better to keep things as they are, maintaining a balance of power between differing groups. Still others believe that reconciliation is a sign of weakness; incapable of truly serious dialogue, they choose to avoid problems by ignoring injustices. Unable to deal with problems, they opt for an apparent peace.

Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

In a lyrical passage of Saint Paul, we see some of the features of true love:
"Love is patient,
love is kind;
love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way,
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrong,
but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-7).
Love is experienced and nurtured in the daily life of couples and their children. It is helpful to think more deeply about the meaning of this Pauline text and its relevance for the concrete situation of every family.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Pentecost

(Collection next Sunday for A Day for Life)

Sat	7th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	8th	9am	St George's —	John & Ellen Bonner RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues	10th	10am	St George's —	
Wed	11th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Fr Dick Kelly In Thanksgiving
Thurs	12th	10am	St George's —	
Fri	13th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Encinas Wadey Intention

The Most Holy Trinity

(Collection Today for A Day for Life)

Sat	14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun	15th	9am	St George's —	Connie Clark RIP (2nd Anniversary)
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Jacqueline Humphries RIP

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk, tel.841504
or by hand marked NEWSLETTER, to Fr. Rory's House by 9am Wednesday.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977

St Thomas a Becket Primary School: Tel 01323 737221 St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577

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Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504/Email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt(01323) 842824

IMPORTANT GIFT AID: If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577, Email: gpalmer2703@gmail.com.
By signing up, the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Maria - 07873759962

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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell & those named in the books in our churches

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecelia Hyland, Sheila Jury & Madeleine Waters.

Warm Welcome! We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

Fr Rory Writes:

“When the day of Pentecost came”

When the day of Pentecost came to the early church it had a powerful impact upon the early Christians, giving them strength and inspiration to go out into the world to proclaim the good news. It is equally important to us today and we must be more and more aware of our need, but above all of God’s faithfulness. In the words of Jesus “without me you can do nothing”.

With the power of Him who loves us, we will grow in faith and faithfulness as we respond to the challenges of time.

A life long friend of mine, Fr Dick Kelly, has died. Over fifty years ago he fished me out of a swimming pool in Rome, nearly more dead than alive, and we have faithfully lived on in service to the church in Christ’s glory.

Eternal rest grant unto him O’ Lord and let his soul rest in peace.

Fr Rory

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

Related to that, all parishioners are warmly invited to an online webinar being run by Stella Maris on Thursday 19th June from 7:30pm to 9pm. You will hear about the work that Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, including the use of the funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. To attend this webinar, please sign up at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyouwebinar

Parish Jubilee of Hope:

50 years Ordination Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings. An afternoon Tea Party to be held on Saturday 12th July at 3.30 pm at St George's Hall. All parishioners invited. Details to follow. Please save this date.

Over 50's Afternoon Tea & Games: This month's theme is French. Our next fun afternoon is Thursday 26th June at 2pm. If you are new to our parish or never been to one of our fun afternoons, why not give it a go? Just turn up and join us, you will be very welcome.



We are joining with Missio, Aid to the Church in Need and Stella Maris in this Jubilee Year to pray the “**Rosary of Hope**” online on **Tuesday 10 June at 7pm**. You can [register here to get the Zoom link](#). All are welcome as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together.

Pope Leo XIV said, “Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love.” He invited us to pray together, “for all of the Church, and for peace in the world.”

GCSE and A Level Exams are now taking place, so we ask God’s blessing on the students taking their exams and their families and teachers.

Dates for your Diary:

Sat 14th June, 10am - Music Practice, St W’s Hall.
Thurs 26th June, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.
Fri 27th June, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W’s Hall.
Sun 29th June, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.
Sat 12th July, 3.30pm - Celebration for Fr Paul Jennings, St G’s Hall.

Music Practice: There will be a music practice for the Children’s Mass on Saturday 14th June at 10am in St Wilfrid’s Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Community Charity Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be Sun 29th June after mass at St George’s - this month our charity is “Young Parishioners Local Retreat(s)”. We hope you, your family & friends can support this.

St George's Children's Liturgy – Help Needed: Children’s Liturgy has been a valued part of St George’s for years — even continuing remotely during COVID. Sadly, we now have just two leaders and one helper, and with frequent travel, we can’t cover every Sunday. We need your help! If you can assist as a helper or leader, please speak to a member of the team. No experience needed — training and support will be provided. It’s a simple and rewarding way to support our young people in their faith.

‘AQUINAS AND FRIENDSHIP’ - Saturday 14 June at St Pancras church in Lewes - FREE EVENT: To mark this year’s 800th anniversary of the birth of St Thomas Aquinas, Father Andrew Pinsent (now a Professor of Philosophy and Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio in Cincinnati, and a priest of our own Diocese of Arundel and Brighton) will be speaking about ‘Aquinas and Friendship’. The conference will run from 11am until 1pm, beginning with coffee and including an opportunity for questions after the talk. Until 2024, Father Andrew was Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion.

Gilbert & Sullivan’s Patience: 11th-14th June, The Grove Theatre, Eastbourne. Weds-Fri 7.30pm & Thurs 2pm & Sat 1pm. www.GroveEastbourne.com

Sunday 1st June - Mass Attendance:
St Wilfrid’s 102 St George’s 74