

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be a leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 29:2.4-6.11-13.R.v2

R) I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Lk 24:32
**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Shorter form

John 21:1-14

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

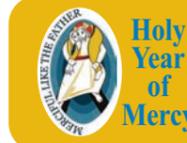
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 21: 12-13

**Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Repentance and forgiveness come through Jesus Christ, for He is the Saviour of the world. The sacrifice Christ

made of Himself on Calvary is a sacrifice for sin. That sacrifice becomes present in the Mass when the priest utters the consecratory words, words of the Lord Himself, which make explicit reference to His self-oblation and self-outpouring as a sacrifice for sin. It is the infinite mercy of God which ordains that sacrifice, and the infinite mercy of God which is

poured out for us and for many for the forgiveness of sin in that sacrifice. For it to be fully effective in our lives, we are to unite ourselves with Christ in His sacrifice. We are to be poured out, like Him, in self-sacrificial love for the sake of others. Our Lord alludes to this in the case of Peter, whose future martyrdom and self-sacrifice Christ foretells.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



IV. A MISSION EMBODIED WITHIN HUMAN LIMITS

40. The Church is herself a missionary disciple; she needs to grow in her interpretation of the revealed word and in her understanding of truth. It is the task of exegetes and theologians to help "the judgment of the Church to mature".⁴² The other sciences also help to accomplish this, each in its own way. With reference to the social sciences, for example, John Paul II said that the Church values their research, which helps her "to derive concrete indications helpful for her magisterial mission".⁴³

42 SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation *Dei Verbum*, 12.

43 Motu Proprio *Socialium Scientiarum* (1 January 1994): AAS 86 (1994), 209.

GLIMPSES OF GOSPEL LIFE

These brief experiences from all over the world show how, when we try to put the words of the Gospel into practice, things happen. God is never outdone in generosity, and these personal stories show in many different ways how true that is.

From a Heart of Stone to One of Flesh

My husband's mother was very fond of her son, to the point of being possessive, and this attitude has always created difficulties between us. A year ago she was diagnosed with a tumour: this necessitated home care that her only daughter was unable to give.

I had just had a strong experience of conversion and the first consequence of this conversion was the decision to overcome my every fear and invite my mother-in-law into my home. The light in my heart made me see her with new eyes. Now I knew it was Jesus in her whom I was helping and looking after. Gradually, my heart of stone became a heart of flesh.

She was not indifferent to my love, and matched my acts of love, with ones of her own. The grace of God worked the miracle of reciprocity! Months of sacrifice, which didn't weigh me down, went by, and when my mother-in-law left serenely for heaven, she left peace in us all.

About that time I realised I was expecting a baby, something I had wanted for nine years. This child is for us a tangible sign of God's love, in exchange for the little love given to him in his grandmother.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	9th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - In Honour of Our Lady THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection next Sunday for the Education of Future Priests)
Sun	10th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - In Thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage G & C T Neyenhuizen St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	11th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Vera Almeida RIP
Wed	13th	10.00am	St George's - Jonathan Rutherford RIP
Thur	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Geoff Stone 2nd Anniversary
Fri	15th	9.00am	St Thomas-a-Beckett School
Fri	15th	10.00am	St George's - Chris Wilson RIP
Sat	16th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Special Collection Today for the Education of Future Priests)
Sun	17th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Deacon John & Tess Truman's Intention St Wilfrid's - Mrs Elsie Winter RIP
		1st Friday of the month: 9.30am	St George's - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know. Catholic Mass in the hospital Chapel every Friday at 3pm.

St. Thomas a Becket Infant School: Tel 01323 726004 **St. Thomas a Becket Junior School:** Tel 01323 737221
St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 847014
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 870990
St George's & St. Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Brian Winter
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Peter Dromgoole
ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
Prayer LineJean Barham Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM
Contact: Ann Fielder 01323 843361

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER
Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Maureen Barnard, Jennifer Duder-Rumsey, Edna Andrews, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Agnes Galt, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Betty O'Hora, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, David Thomas, Michael Bradley, Elizabeth Osbourne, Irene Boulstridge, Mary Scales, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford and Brian Winter.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**

Fr Rory Writes:

On our horizon: When I first arrived in this parish, I was very conscious that the Sunday Mass Intention for the parish priest was for "our parish communities". I was very pleased with this as it placed the emphasis on communities. It is as a community of faith that we live in faithfulness to the Gospel.

But there are times when the emphasis is upon a parish event. The Dedication of Our Church by Bishop Richard Moth, on Thursday 21st April at 7pm is such an event. So our primary invitation is to the people of our parish, which will be complemented by invitations to the Clergy, Hailsham Churches, the persons engaged with the building of the church and others with a particular involvement. Obviously we are conscious of the number of people who will fit in the church, and this does entail consideration. As a one off event we must do the best we can to ensure that it is successful. So far so good.

I am sure you will expect me to raise the word "responsibility". If we can honestly say we have no ability, then that can be the situation and its own outcome. The Dedication presents us with a very worthwhile event, which, well celebrated, can be a source of inspiration and direction for our witness as a community of faith and faithfulness to the Gospel. So lots of prayers, goodwill, cooperation and indeed the good use of all our abilities to be a body made up of many parts working together.

Fr Rory

St George's Day/Queen's Birthday Vintage Tea Party on Saturday 23rd April, 3.00 pm. Tickets £5 per person. No tickets will be available on the door, so please purchase early. Tickets available from Ros or Shirley.

CAFOD: If anyone at St George's has collected money for CAFOD, please hand it in now so that it can be sent off in time to take advantage of the government's promise to match funds raised through parishes during the Lent season. Thank you for your generosity.

St George's Children's Liturgy will be holding a cake sale after Mass on Sunday 17th April to raise money towards the First Holy Communion breakfast and the Abbots Wood picnic. Please give them your support.

St George's Children's Society - Change of Date: will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 15th April at 10.30am after Mass. Sales table and raffle. All welcome.

St George's Choir Practice will take place on Saturday 16th April at 10.00 am.

The Bl. Mother Teresa Group will welcome you to a Bring and Buy event at St George's church hall on Wednesday next, 13th April from 2.30 pm. There will be gifts, jigsaws, books, cakes and biscuits on sale and there will be a raffle. Refreshments available. Any donations welcomed. We look forward to seeing you there.

The First Holy Communion Mass at St George's will be at the 9am Mass on Sunday 29th May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 13th April Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Wed 13th April St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Church, 6.15pm
Wed 13th April St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Fri 15th April St G's Children's Society Coffee Morning, 10.30am
Sat 16th April St George's Choir Practice, St George's Church, 10am
Sun 17th April St G's Children's Liturgy Cake Sale, after Mass
Wed 20th April St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Thur 21st April Dedication of St Wilfrid's New Church, 7pm
Sat 23rd April Vintage Tea Party, St George's Hall, 3pm
Sun 22nd May 1st Communion Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Sun 29th May 1st Communion Mass, St George's Church, 9am

Dedication of St Wilfrid's New Church - 21st April. There will be a second collection this weekend for the flowers that will decorate the New Church. Thank you for your generosity. If you gift aid you can put the money in a spare gift aid envelope and mark it "donation for flowers". Thank you.

The Knights of St Columba meet on Monday 11th April at 3.30pm at Christ the King Parish Rooms. All men are welcome to come. Further details from David 423323 or Bob 847014.

Prayer from the diary of St Maria Faustina Kowalska: O Most Holy Trinity! Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue. Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings. Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all. Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks. Help me, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbour. Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbour. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me. Amen.

Bonus Ball: There are lots of numbers available for both the Saturday and Wednesday Bonus Ball. Anyone interested in one please see Bill or Mick. Thank you.

1st Communion Mass at St Wilfrid's will be at the 10:30am Mass on 22nd May.

COLLECTIONS: (2nd/3rd April)

St George's	£201.03
CAFOD	£121.00
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£234.90
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 132 St G's 87	

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If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.

Bonus Ball:

Sat 2nd April
No: 15
Sylvia Winter

Wed 30th March
No: 7
Evelyn South