

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23. Rv.24

**R) This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **(R)**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

**SECOND READING** *(an alternative may be read)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen:  
he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cor 5:7-8  
**Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;  
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *(an alternative may be read)* John 20:1-9

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Exultant with the paschal gladness, O Lord,  
we offer the sacrifice  
by which your church  
is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God,  
with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,  
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



On various occasions Jesus had told his followers that he would die and rise from the dead, but they clearly did not believe it. We can see this from their reaction to the empty tomb: "Till this moment

they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead." In a sense it is comforting to know that even those closest to Jesus, the ones specially chosen to follow him had trouble believing that Jesus had risen from the dead. For we too, often find it difficult to believe the things that Jesus said. We tend to live a kind of hybrid existence, sometimes believing in Jesus, sometimes trying to find consolation or satisfaction in the things of this world. Easter is a great reminder to us that Jesus is

truly risen and that he has overcome every difficulty, every doubt, every sin. Easter is also a reminder that after the tragedy of the cross there is always the joy of the resurrection. Too often we find ourselves gazing into the empty tomb of hopelessness and despair rather than leaving the tomb behind and going to look for the risen Jesus. However, Jesus understands our tendency to doubt and to disbelieve and welcomes us back every time we realise our foolishness.



### Obedience to God's Time

Obedience to what God asks of us in life's NOW is the way in which we practise obedience to God's will.

We walk along the path looking neither to right nor left, doing what has to be done NOW and leaving the rest to God's Providence.

People tend to think that those who love and serve God should take on extra devotions and rules, and shine in the eyes of those around them.

This is an error. Giving ourselves to God does not mean doing lots of extra things. It means doing well what we have to do, and remaining in peace.

God will put in our way the people who can give us the help we need to keep going.

Let us know how to wait upon God's time rather than making plans of our own.

Feelings are no gauge of progress, ultimately the duty of the present moment is what matters.

Attention to the present may make us act in one way or another, not because our reason tells us to do something but because we are attentive to the grace of God coming to us through many channels.

When we really want to walk with God we discover that we can do nothing except travel along the path in trust, having God alone as our guide. And God is often present to us only in the darkness of faith.

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### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### Challenges from urban cultures

75 *(Cont'd)* The unified and complete sense of human life that the Gospel proposes is the best remedy for the ills of our cities, even though we have to realize that a uniform and rigid program of evangelization is not suited to this complex reality. But to live our human life to the fullest and to meet every challenge as a leaven of Gospel witness in every culture and in every city will make us better Christians and bear fruit in our cities.



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	15th	8.00pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL</b> St Wilfrid's - Special Intention
Sun	16th	9.00am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> St George's - Fr Rory's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	17th	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	18th	10.00am	St George's - Mrs Vera Almeida RIP
Wed	19th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Greta Mary Atkins RIP
Thur	20th	10.00am	St George's - Kate & Patrick Walsh RIP
Fri	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Margaret & Henry Wright RIP
Sat	22nd	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Dr Ismay Crotty 7th Anniversary RIP
Sun	23rd	9.00am	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (or of Divine Mercy)</b> St George's - Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's - Private Intention

*1st Thursday 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) 832577  
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 Line .....Jean 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, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne & Harry Holt, Elizabeth Osbourne, Margaret, Tom and Elizabeth Woodrow-Spencer, Enza Riddiford, Dorothy Hanlon, Margaret Westcar, Brian Winter and Ann Winter.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES**

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

**Fr Rory Writes:**

We have shared with Jesus in the work of our redemption. Now is the time to have faith in the resurrection and to continue to keep our focus upon Jesus, and His promise "I will not leave you orphans". We know what an intense time the apostles experienced in this period between our Lord's Resurrection and ascension into heaven. The story of His appearance to the disciples on the way to Emmaus, and we remember their words "did not our hearts burn within us". By our attention to prayer and the scriptures this can be a very strengthening of our faith, and becoming true disciples as we too are called to this by Jesus.

# EASTER GREETINGS

*Fr Rory*

Bishop Richard has written to the Priests of the Diocese:

As you will know from the News, Peru has been hit by serious flooding. Bishop Dan in Chulucanas, where priests from Arundel & Brighton have served over the years, he has made known the plight of many of his people affected by this natural disaster.

The homes and livelihoods of many of the Diocese have been hard hit and I ask you pray very particularly for the people of Chulucanas in your prayers over the Easter weekend.

We will have a special collection and the monies collected will be sent to the Finance Office by the end of May and the final sum will be sent on to Bishop Dan. A facility for giving will also be included on the Diocesan Website.

With thanks, in advance, for your response to this need. I know you will remember in prayer Bishop Dan, all the people priests of his Diocese and Fr Hugh Dutton from our own Diocese serving in Chulucanas.

**Schubert's Mass in G** - the South Downs Singers will be performing this beautiful Mass at St John's Church, Polegate, on Saturday 22nd April at 7.30 pm. The second part of the concert will be lighter and include a medley from The Sound of Music. Tickets are available at £8 from Clodagh at St Wilfrid's or Shirley at St George's or at the door on the night. This concert is in aid of the JPK project which provides supported living for adults with learning disabilities.

**'ENCOUNTER' Evenings for 15-30s starting in East Sussex**

The popular ENCOUNTER programme, which has been running successfully for a few years now, will be starting in Bexhill on Friday May 12th. ENCOUNTER is an evening event for young Catholics, designed to let them deepen their faith in a friendly environment, together with people their own age. Evenings typically involve some food (snacks), live music, Adoration, and an inspiring talk. We are delighted to have David Beresford as our guest speaker for the first evening. David is the Director of the Catholic Bible School. The first evening will be on Friday May 12th, 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Hall at St Mary Magdalene's. Entry is free. For more information, search 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Fri 28th April** St George's Leaven Group Mtg, St G's Hall, 6.15pm  
**Thur 11th May** Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm  
**Sun 21st May** Children's Liturgy Outing, Abbott's Wood, 12 midday

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** The annual Holy Hour of Prayer and Adoration will be held at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill on Sea at 2.30pm on Sunday 23rd April. The Order of Service and details may be viewed on the displayed posters. As usual the devotions will be followed by complimentary afternoon tea in the hall.

**A special loss** - Biddie Kerridge, one of the silver lining of the old faithful's; going back to the early time when St Wilfrid's Church was being established in Haywards Heath. We owe a great debt of gratitude, and please God, her funeral Requiem Mass will be well attended and celebrated on Monday 24th April at 11.30am at St Wilfrid's (Feast of St George).

**St Thomas a Becket School** are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in exchange for some valuable school resources. If you have any please leave them on a table in the porch.

**COLLECTIONS: (8th/9th April)**

<b>St George's</b>	£232.35
Easter Flowers	£20.00
CAFOD	£20.00
Weekly aver./Monthly D/D	£176.50
<b>St Wilfrid's</b>	£338.26
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 152 St G's 98	
<b>Thank you for your continued generosity</b>	
If you pay tax please use gift aid envelopes.	

**Bonus Ball:**

**Sat 8th April**  
No: 21  
Dorothy Blake

**Wed 5th April**  
No: 30  
Peter Robinson