

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Hosanna to the Son of David,
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.**

'PALM' GOSPEL

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it."' So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owner said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it.' And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty, ever-living God, who is an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4 - 7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint, I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mt. 21:9

PSALM

Ps. 21:8-9,17-20,23-24.R.v2

R) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R)**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

THE PASSION

Luke 22:14 - 23:56

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt.26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

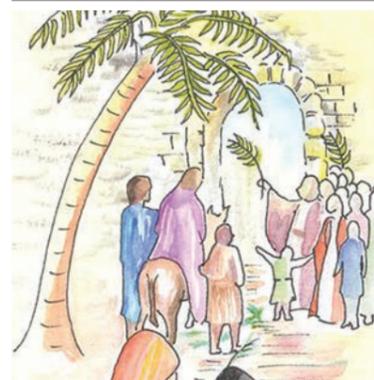
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.



OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"..if these keep silent the stones will cry out," said Jesus of the crowds rejoicing over his entrance into Jerusalem. There are two reasons the

stones might have had for rejoicing, for crying out: firstly, their Creator has come! They cry out on behalf of the whole of creation rejoicing to receive its Maker on earth, amazed that He has so humbled himself to share created nature; rejoicing in the glorious honour bestowed upon it - upon us! Secondly, these particular stones, paving the way to Jerusalem, rejoice also with the Jewish people, that at last the promised Messiah, the Hope of ages,

Jerusalem's true Lord and Master, is entering the city! But Our Lord's words and the example of the people do not succeed in changing the soured minds of the Pharisees; later, the stones will cry out differently: with the "daughters of Jerusalem" the stones will "mourn, lament" for the rejected Messiah as he struggles to carry over them the weight of the cross - a weight that represents in token the sins of creation.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



III. FROM THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

38. It is important to draw out the pastoral consequences of the Council's teaching, which reflects an ancient conviction of the Church. First, it needs to be said that in preaching the Gospel a fitting sense of proportion has to be maintained. This would be seen in the frequency with which certain themes are brought up and in the emphasis given to them in preaching. For example, if in the course of the liturgical year a parish priest speaks about temperance ten times but only mentions charity or justice two or three times, an imbalance results, and precisely those virtues which ought to be most present in preaching and catechesis are overlooked. The same thing happens when we speak more about law than about grace, more about the Church than about Christ, more about the Pope than about God's word.

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.

You Are A Priest!

I was walking along the road in Manila when a youth approached me. When he was a short distance away he unsheathed a knife and pointed it at me, "Give me all your money!" he demanded. "Certainly," I replied, "and I think that you are hungry too. Look, there's a restaurant here, come and eat and drink what you want." He was taken aback, but he followed me. He ate and drank until he'd had enough and I learned about his family. He told me he needed everything: food, clothes, shoes...I promised him that the next day I'd prepare a box of clothing for him and I gave him my address. He left in better spirits. The next day he arrived, hesitant, ready to run, fearing a trap. He took the parcel and said to me, "My neighbour is as poor as me and needs some help." I invited him to return the next day to collect some things for his friend. He came back and looked at me. I smiled at him and offered him the new parcel. I was happy because I was giving food and clothing to Jesus in him. He threw himself onto his knees and shaking, exclaimed, "You are a priest, listen to my confession." I heard his confession and he left happy.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	19th	6.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Parish Communities' Intention PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Special Collection on Friday for The Holy Places) (Fasting and abstinence on Friday)
Sun	20th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Elsie Burbage RIP St Wilfrid's - Margaret Westcar & Families Intention
Mon	21st	2.30pm	St George's - 2.30pm Rosary Group, every Monday except Bank Holidays
Tue	22nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's - Donor's Intention
Wed	23rd	10.00am	St George's - Marjorie Beard RIP
Thur	24th	7.30pm	St George's - Holy Thursday Donor's Intention
Fri	25th	3.00pm	St George's - Good Friday Celebration of the Passion and Death of our Lord
Fri	25th	3.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Good Friday Celebration of the Passion and Death of our Lord
Sat	26th	8.00pm	St Wilfrid's - Holy Saturday Parish Communities' Intention EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sun	27th	9.00am 10.30am	St George's - Jack & Margaret Gearing's Intention St Wilfrid's - Mary Patricia Smith 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:

Once again we celebrate Holy Week "The hour has come". This was a real hour that happened in our human story. An event that took place in real time, in a real place, an event recorded in human history. This event has consequences for all ages, and for all people until the end of time. The first focus was with Mary Magdeline then the apostles, the disciples and subsequently with the church which Jesus established to carry out this mission to bring God's salvation to all mankind. "Thou art Peter" Jesus said "and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will never prevail against it". This is the essence of all that we celebrate this week. The son of man Jesus, but as the centurion recognised "this indeed is the Son of God". He has overcome the Kingdom of Satan, indeed the power of evil and death itself by reconciling us to the Father to prepare us for the coming of His Kingdom.


Churches Together, Polegate: Two Easter Events:

Sunday 20th March, Palm Sunday "The Cross of Christ" – 6.30 p.m. St. Mary the Virgin, Willingdon.

Holy Thursday, The Downland Singers are performing "The Crucifixion", at 3.00 p.m. Trinity Church, Coppice Avenue.

St George's Readers' and Extraordinary Ministers' Rotas are ready for collection at the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross: at St George's on Passion Sunday, March 20th, at 3pm will be followed by Benediction and conclude with tea and cake in the Hall. All welcome.

Churches Together, Polegate:

The Walk of Witness – Good Friday, 25th March, from Polegate Precinct, 10.30 a.m.

Hymns for Easter, Saturday, 26th March, 10.30 - 11.00a.m. Polegate Precinct.

Sonrise, the celebration of Christ's rising from the dead – Easter Sunday, at Butts Brow, 6.30 a.m. Breakfast will be served afterwards at St John's Church. Numbers to Margaret Piegrome by 11th March at the latest, please.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: please collect these for our Catholic School, St Thomas a Becket. They enable the school to exchange them for sport equipment. They can be passed on via a parishioner who has a child at the school or via the Children's Liturgy team on Sunday morning.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, OCTOBER 2017: Sacred Heart Parish in Hove are running a Holy Land Pilgrimage for 18-35s during October half term 2017. It is open to people from around the Diocese and will be a comprehensive pilgrimage, taking in areas including Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Mount Tabor, Capernaum, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jaffa and many others. A fantastic chance to make some new friends and to learn more about your faith in the land where it all started! You can download an application pack via the Facebook page at Facebook.com/HolyLand2017<<http://Facebook.com/HolyLand2017>>. For more information, contact YPPHL2017@gmail.com<<mailto:YPPHL2017@gmail.com>>.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 23rd March St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 30th March St Wilfrid's Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's Church, 7pm
Wed 13th April Mother Teresa Group Mtg, St George's Hall, 2.30pm
Sun 22nd May 1st Communion Mass, St Wilfrid's Church, 10.30am
Sun 29th May 1st Communion Mass, St George's Church, 9am

Indian Mass: will be celebrated by Fr Cyril at 4pm on Easter Sunday afternoon at St Wilfrid's Church. All welcome.

Foodbank Easter Holiday Club: Hailsham foodbank is piloting a 'Holiday Meals' programme for the Trussell Trust which gives a free activity and meal to families in need during the Easter and Summer holidays. The club is being called 'The Holiday Shack' and will be at the Children's Centre, Hailsham East Community Centre, Vega Close, Hailsham. The club will run 10.45-1pm with volunteers from 10-1.30pm on Thursday 31 March, Friday 1 April, Tuesday 5, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April. If you would be interested in helping out maybe with setting up tables for meals/activities, serving meals, and clearing away afterwards as well as being around to chat to families do speak to **Julie Coates** on **07474 671350** or email her on info@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk.

Holy Week Posters: are available in the Church porch this weekend, supplied by the Knights of St Columba. Please take one if you are able to display it in a suitable window.

Dalai Lama:

As people alive today, we must consider future generations: a clean environment is a human right like any other. It is therefore part of our responsibility toward others to ensure that the world we pass on is a healthy, if not healthier, than we found it.

Divine Mercy Sunday in this The Year of Mercy: The annual Holy Hour of Adoration will be held at St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill-on-Sea at 2.30pm on Sunday 3rd April. The Order of Service and details may be viewed on the displayed poster. The devotions will be followed by complimentary afternoon tea in the hall.

Alpha: Christianity, Boring? Irrelevant? Untrue? A Chance to Question, Discuss and think about Your Beliefs and The Questions of Life. Anecy Junior School Hall, Sutton Avenue, Seaford. Beginning Friday 15th April, 12 Sessions, Supper 7pm End 9pm. For further information, ring 07594 456441. You will be most welcome.

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

COLLECTIONS: (12th/13th March)

St George's	£197.98
Weekly ave./Monthly D/D	£176.50
St Wilfrid's	£262.18
St Patrick's Day Bash	£242.10
Weekly aver. of DD	£204.60
Attendances: St W's 142 St G's 99	

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Bonus Ball:

Sat 12th March
No: 1
Fr Rory

Wed 9th March
No: 36
Norman South