

THE ORDER OF MASS

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

PSALM GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. 11: 1-10
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
'Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
"Why are you doing this?" say,
"The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here immediately."
And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them,
'What are you doing, untying the colt?'
And they told them what Jesus had said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!'

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

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who as 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

A reading from the prophet 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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

Mt 17:5

**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

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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.

Whenever the Priest says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

Or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

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You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the

Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Or:

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

All bow

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),...

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Stand

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Kneel

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Or:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

All bow

Or:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Communion Rite

Behold the Lamb of God...

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The Concluding Rites

After the blessing the Deacon, or the Priest, says:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*

Go in peace.

The people reply:

Thanks be to God.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	27th		St Wilfrid's -	
			Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	
Sun	28th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Dorothy Blake RIP
Mon	29th		St George's -	
Tue	30th	10.00am	St George's -	Pauline Palmer RIP
Wed	31st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Brian Winter RIP
	Maundy Thursday	5.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	
		7.00pm	St George's -	
	Good Friday	3.00pm	St Wilfrid's & St George's -	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	Easter Vigil	6.00pm	St George's -	
		8.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	
			Easter Sunday	
	Easter Sunday	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Hannah Hoad RIP

St George's Church, Masses are now held on Tuesdays, at 10am and Sundays, 9am Booking is essential - ring 870990.
Booking for St Wilfrid's Church: Go to our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk, click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

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.

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

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) 487212
 St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver
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CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Angela Archer, Colleen, Maura Marshall, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

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.**
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

Stations of the Cross continued:

The Twelfth Station: Jesus dies at the Cross. "We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the World".

It is accomplished Jesus bows His head and dies - but there is no magic. His Divine intervention which was essential for our salvation has accomplished its purpose. God's salvation for all of mankind. On a number of times during our years in our seminary, in preparation for priesthood, at retreats and lectures I have heard some great teachings on the focus of what was accomplished upon the cross, and how God could have restored to us all that was lost under Adam's fall. Through one man, Adam, sin entered our world, but Jesus came down from heaven to put an end to sin and death. The love through which He accomplished this has been entrusted to us. Our purpose is to become the church working to bring God's salvation into a broken sinful world. So this is the privilege offered to us - to work with Him to bring forgiveness, healing and a loving presence into people's lives to restore God's Kingdom - The Kingdom of Heaven.

One our Father, one Hail Mary, one Glory be to the Father.

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross. "We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the World".

The work of the church has commenced. The evil, the enemy is as active as ever. So the ministry of the scared, the very scariest one run away from the scene, naked and afraid. The soldiers have not been disbanded and the work of the Sanhedrin continued. Preparation by God's providence for the burial could take place, as Joseph of Arimathea became God's instrument. Permission was granted and a tomb, newly hewn from rock, prepared. Nicodemus came as well, and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about 100 pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices, following the Jewish custom. The work of salvation will go on until the fullness of time. We are privileged people.

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Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb. "We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee".

The body has been embalmed. The enemy is still on the job, guards are posted. Growing up on a farm I was involved with the burial of animals from a very young age. This brings death home. So for me a Christian funeral is profoundly different. We have the greatest symbol presented to us by Jesus. "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies in the ground it produces one hundred fold". This comes home to me at the altar for Mass as the consecration takes place. Holy Week is on our doorstep. Let us bring our greatest care and attention to these events: The Resurrection, The Ascension, and above all Pentecost. From these we might receive strength and joy - a new Pentecost - new fruits that will last, and please God, we can move on from the coronavirus.

One our Father, one Hail Mary, one Glory be to the Father.

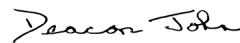

Deacon John Writes:

The following is adapted from an article by Greg Kendra who is a Deacon in the States.

This Sunday is Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday and is a day in which we need to **remember**. **Remember** that the crowd that cheered Jesus also condemned him. **Remember** that the voices praising him also called for his death. **Remember** that those who loved him and promised loyalty also abandoned him, denied him, and betrayed him.

Christ's Passion goes on today. Our betrayal of him continues, in ways large and small. How often do we praise God on Sunday... and cast Him aside on Monday? How often do we shrug Him off when things become too difficult or the rules too hard or the demands of the Christian life too taxing? How often do we treat love as just a sentiment for greeting cards, and not a command for living? How often do we see suffering in the faces of those in need, and simply turn away?

Continued on our website:



Dorothy Blake RIP. The Requiem Mass for Dorothy will be offered on Tuesday 13 April at 12 noon, preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11.45. If you would like to attend please contact Jean 842824 or Bob 847014, as only 30 people can be present. Burial afterwards at Hailsham Cemetery.

Holy Week Masses: If you have booked a Mass at St George's and St Wilfrid's over the Holy Week and not had confirmation of a place. Please contact Margaret for St George's on 870990 and Jackie for St Wilfrid's on 841504. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Church still has a few remaining places available for the Saturday Easter Vigil. If you would like to attend this service please ring 841504 or email ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com

A reminder – The Easter Offerings are for our Parish Priest. Please contribute through the church accounts in the normal way, so the Parish can benefit from Gift Aid. Direct payments to him cannot accrue this benefit.

Children's Liturgy:

Hello Children! Do you remember the last time we met online? I hope you have had a happy and holy Lent and made your God's Eye weaving and enjoyed your pancakes. Now it's time to bring back the money you have collected in the Smarties tube. Please bring the money to Mass on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Mark the envelope or tube Children's Liturgy. When we have counted your donations we can choose a gift for The Chestnut Tree hospice from their Amazon wish list. Why not have a look yourself for some ideas?