

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R.v1

R) 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.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. (R)

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is -

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world -

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’ ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you,’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

THE ORDER OF MASS

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 Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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.

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.

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.

All bow

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	10th		St Wilfrid's	
			Second, 'low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
Sun	11th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Mrs Philomena Gilroy RIP
Mon	12th		St George's -	
Tue	13th	10.00am	St George's -	The Nevill Family Intention
		12.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Blake
Wed	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Thurs	15th		St Georges -	
Fri	16th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Grace Verrill RIP
Sat	17th		St Wilfrid's -	
			Third Sunday of Easter	
			(Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)	
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's -	Bernard Listor-Dobson RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

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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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Juliette 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:

A grateful thanks to Deacon John for his contribution last week with a message for Easter which left me without a job to do; and for all his contributions during the pandemic.

He is risen from the dead. Alleluia. The great season of Easter is the life of the church. It echoes with life, with His promise "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full". The stories of the resurrection in the Gospel gives a birds eye view of the event which helps us to understand the scriptures. The detail, the lack of recognition, the limitations of human nature while on earth, indeed the confusion sometimes contrasting with attention to detail. Peter's perception in John's Gospel is an example. "Simon Peter who was following up, now came and 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". Detail provided by a witness on the ground. Another account, Mary of Magdala, "as she turned round and saw Jesus standing there". Jesus said "Woman why are you weeping? Who are you weeping for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said "Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him and I will go and remove him". Jesus said "Mary" she knew Him and said in Hebrew "Rabbuni - Master".

Life this year is full of constraints attached to our response to living with the covid virus. There is merit in the guidelines, but overall we need to give greater attention to Jesus with His promise "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full". The grace that I have experienced in our celebration of the liturgies contrasts so much. A great big thank you to the stewards, and cleaners, thank you to all those who helped. And a final thanks to you and indeed thanks be to God.

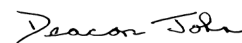
So please God, for our future, for the life of our church. The church has been challenged and found wanting, it is the story of our lives at the moment. Please God for our lives in the future, a new generation in the life of the church. Let us plan for it and work for it. It can only happen with a new generation. Alongside this are the threats of global warming, great poverty and the need for governments across the world to come together to seriously address these issues. Humbly, we need to say 'please God, help us all to work for a new world in the morning'.



Deacon John Writes:

The coming Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings for this Sunday are about God's mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 AM, on the Second Sunday of Easter His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father. During her life, the Lord assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

So, let us all have the courage of our Christian convictions to share our Faith with others. We are not to keep the gift of Faith locked in our hearts, but to share it with our children, our families, our friends and our neighbours. Let us always remember the words of Pope St. John XXIII: "Every believer in this world must become a spark of Christ's light." That is the light we see in the new Easter candle lit last Saturday evening for the first time and at every mass during Eastertide.



St Wilfrid's Church: We, the community of St Wilfrid's, would like to thank you Father for conducting all the lovely Easter Services in our Church. This year has been so difficult with the Covid restrictions, but with the aid of your trusted helpers, the improvisations that we had to put in place worked very well and made the shortened versions very enjoyable. It was great to see our First Holy Communion candidates taking part and really enjoying the ceremonies. Having the children back again was very rewarding for us knowing that our future lies with them. Easter Sunday worked well with some of our congregation participating in our hall with the help of a screen. The actual Mass was relayed at the same time and Fr Rory was able to take Holy Communion to those in the Hall, whilst Lisa attended to the Church congregation. The hall as well as the Church was decorated with a variety of beautiful flowers spilling out into the many pots and containers outside. What a great Easter we all enjoyed, made possible by Father Rory and our wonderful team of helpers. We have had feedback from many of our parishioners and some new to the Parish, who have said that Father is a natural speaker and brilliant when celebrating Mass online. Thank you all.

Dear Mission Supporters, through our parish's Red Boxes, and individuals giving to the Red Box directly (e.g. online and direct debits), St. Wilfrid RC Church raised £837.25 in 2020. Cheques should be made out to MILL HILL and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. For online or bank transfer: missio.org.uk/redbox. For credit or debit card donations call Missio on 020 7821 9755. Before too long we hope to collect your Red Boxes again. Many thanks to you all, and keep well. Doris Jung

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.