

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
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 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

## PSALM

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R.v22

**R) The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **(R)**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jn 10:14  
**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said:  
'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,  
so that the renewal constantly at work within us  
may be the cause of our unending joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,  
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures  
the sheep you have redeemed  
by the Precious Blood of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

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

**Gloria 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.**

*Stand*

*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	24th		St Wilfrid's	
			<b>Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter</b>	
			<b>(Collection for the Education of Future Priests Today)</b>	
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's -	Sheila Campbell RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	26th		St George's -	
Tue	27th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs Margaret Highley RIP
Wed	28th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	David Curtis RIP
Thurs	29th		St Georges -	
Fri	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Arthur Robinson RIP
Sat	1st		St Wilfrid's -	
			<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
			<b>(Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese next Sunday)</b>	
Sun	2nd	9.00am	St George's -	Tom McCann (2nd Anniv of Call to Rest)
		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](http://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  
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 St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver  
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 Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753  
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**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**

**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, 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](mailto: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**

### Deacon John Writes:

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and is called Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and to Religious Life. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfilment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd.

The late Billy Graham, the televangelist, once said in a TV interview: "Pope John Paul II lived like his Master the Good Shepherd, and he died like his Master the Good Shepherd." In today's Gospel, Jesus claims that he is the Good Shepherd and explains what he does for his sheep.

The Prayer for Vocations which Tessa and I use, is in the form of a Novena from 16th to 24th each month and originates from a promise I made over 20 years ago to a nun who was making her Final Profession, at which Tessa and I were present. It is "Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, you who said to us that if you do not become like little children you will not enter the Kingdom of God. Teach us to follow in your footsteps, humbly and simply. Send into your Church the Priests, Deacons, Religious and lay people needed to make you better known and loved throughout the world. Amen.

Please join us in saying this prayer if you can. There may be copies of this prayer in our churches as we have used it in the past and I know some parishioners may have a copy in their handbag, back pocket or prayer book.

*Deacon John*

Continued.....

"With the help of the Stations of the Resurrection"  
Church of St Thomas More, Seaford, BN25 1SS

The First Station: Jesus Is Risen. "We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us".

"Isn't that providence Maura". The number of times I heard these words in our kitchen when growing up was often. They coincided with a visit from my auntie when she came to stay with us for a while. They now stay with me as a very positive response to life. The visit of the early disciples to His tomb, opens the door to great hope and confidence that a new life is open to everyone. Belief remains the key to opening that door, and Jesus chastises his disciples for their lack of belief in Him. Let us try to keep open the doors of faith.

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Lord. Give praise to his name.**

The Second Station: Peter and John arrive at the empty tomb. "**We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us**".

Peter finds it hard to keep the doors of faith open, and in his difficulties he returns to his day job which is fishing, we will meet up again with him when he returns to his day job. Then Jesus will appoint him "thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church". Fear of the irrational and unknown is very much a part of the human experience. It stopped John entering the tomb. We all know this fear of the irrational, so help us Lord to conquer our fears and anxieties. Help us to live lives of greater hope and service.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Lord. Give praise to his name.

The Third Station: The Risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene. "**We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us**".

She stood there crying as she looked into the tomb. The words "Woman why are you crying?" did not make her realise who He was. But when He said "Mary" her eyes were opened.

We like Mary Magdalene, all suffer grief, shock and sadness when we witness death. Mary had seen Jesus die. The risen Lord must have looked very different from the tortured person on the cross, but when Jesus spoke her name, Mary knew Him.

Jesus you speak all our names, you know each and every one of us. You call us each by your name: help us to recognise your presence.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the risen Lord. Give praise to his name.

*Jr Rory*

**Confirmation:** On the Feast of Pentecost we hope to have two candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is helpful, happy and to be well celebrated.

### DBS Checks and Online Training:

As we hopefully will be returning to normal parish life, there is a need for relevant checks to be carried out, i.e. updating DBS checks and online training.

We will need more volunteers to help, so these checks will be part of the process of restoring life to our parish after Covid.

**Scam Emails:** A number of our parishioners have been receiving emails that look like they are coming from Fr Rory Kelly, please do not reply to them as they are a **scam**. The email that they are being sent from is parishpastor649@gmail.com