

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R.v26

R) You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
‘These things the Lord has done.’ (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.  
My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God’s presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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 to his disciples:  
‘I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
- he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice  
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches , says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
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.  
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.  
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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.

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.

Stand

All bow

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## ST WILFRID



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

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
Mon	3rd		St George's -	
Tue	4th	10.00am	St George's -	Jenni Duder-Rumsey RIP
Wed	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Peter Robinson & Parents RIP
Thurs	6th		St Georges -	
Fri	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	John & Nellie O'Neill RIP
Sat	8th		St Wilfrid's -	
			<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
			<b>(Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Today)</b>	
Sun	9th	9.00am	St George's -	Douglas Booth - 1st Anniversary 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](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  
**Contact Care:** 07900 823138

**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](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

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The Fourth Station: Jesus appears to his disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The one thing that we share with the early disciples after the resurrection is powerlessness, completely without power. Even going to church when we can highlight all our difficulties. The two disciples on this road to Emmaus were trying to get away from it all. Then the fabulous moment of grace. "Jesus himself came and walked by their side" but they did not recognise Him. But He opened their eyes to the scriptures. May He today open our eyes to the scriptures, but also to His presence in our lives.

"We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us".

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

The Fifth Station: The Risen Lord is recognised in the breaking of bread.

The gift remains the same. "Now while He was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them". What was so different? "Their eyes were opened". Please God, with all my heart I pray that my eyes may be truly opened. I remain with the great body of disciples "I believe, help my unbelief".

"We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us".

The disciples failed to recognise Jesus because they had actually seen Him die and knew He had been buried. For our time we have been buried in the scandals and all too often we have built idols within our ways of worship in the church. We pray that our hearts may be transformed and brought back to life.

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

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

The Sixth Station: Jesus appears to His disciples in Jerusalem in a locked room.

He rebuked them for their lack of faith but always His gift "My peace be with you". "Look at my hands and feet", and to confirm the reality of His presence "Have you anything here to eat?" He knows we need to have our faith strengthened and restored. Let us reveal to Him our wounds and our hurts at this time

"We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you for we know you are risen from the dead and live in us".

When Jesus shows himself to the apostles, they assumed He was a ghost. Our assumption is that it cannot happen - so let us sincerely pray. Dear Jesus, we may find it hard to believe that it was your physical body that came into the room full of apostles. Please help us to truly believe in this your greatest miracle - that you whom the disciples had seen tortured, crucified and speared to death, really did come back, not only for them, but for all of us.

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

*Jx Kory*

#### Deacon John Writes:

Have you ever thought "Wow!" or exclaimed "Thank you, God!" at something you have seen or heard that is full of power or beauty? Such occasions may be rare or more frequent depending on circumstances. If you do have moments like this then treasure them and tuck them away in your memory so that you can recall them for yourselves or tell your friends about them. They are most likely to be of interest to them and possibly help them in their journeys through life.

During lockdown the daily live streamed masses Tessa and I have heard and seen have come from Hove, Sacred Heart Church, with Mgr. Michael Jackson. They have been a great help to both of us and have included several "Wow!" moments. He always starts with a list of people to pray for: the sick, those who have died, and many others who need prayers. The following for these masses is worldwide, ranging from New Zealand to Japan, South Africa, France, Chicago in USA and all over the UK. He has included prayers for a three year old who fell into a pond and has been in a coma for three months but is now starting to recover. This started with some movement when touched and is now able to sit up from time to time. That is just one example of a lockdown "Wow!" for us. Next month we will miss him as their services return to as near normal as possible. If you have found a source of Mass on the Internet or Television I hope it has been of spiritual and mental help for you and given you some "Wow!" moments. I hope we have our own WOW! moments when our masses here return to normal.

Thursday, May 13th, is Ascension Day. Fr. James McKarns writes about a tour he made to the Holy Land which included a visit to the Mount of Olives from where Jesus had ascended. He commented that the whole party did notice the hilly surroundings, but most just gazed at the sky and the clouds trying to picture for themselves what must have been a truly Wow! moment for those who actually witnessed it. The Psalm for Ascension Day each year starts with this "Wow!" response:

"God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast."

A lady called Lydia Lopokova wrote: "When I am on the Sussex Downs in the morning I feel that I am having a cocktail with God." - a real Wow! encounter!

*Deacon John*

**David Curtis RIP:**

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely sympathy cards and mass intentions offered for David. Also, thank you to those who attended the funeral at the church and cemetery, and those who helped; Jean, Judy, Gary, David, Bob, Lawrence and especially Fr Rory for a very beautiful service. Thank you for everyone's effort to come in some yellow as requested. With gratitude, Lulu and Abigail.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Adrian Powell who recently died after an 11 year battle with motor neurone disease. Also, please pray for Nick Paul and his family.

**St Wilfrid's:** Our Indian community. I expect you have been watching on tv or reading in papers about the terrible plight India faces. We have been in contact with Jincy who looks after our Indian community at St Wilfrid's. Up till now she says all their relatives in India are safe. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**St Wilfrid's:** On behalf of us all, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the faithful souls who make it possible for us to safely attend Mass during this epidemic. The stewards, cleaners, recorders of our Masses, so that everyone can attend Mass in their own homes. They all know who they are and we really appreciate what they do, so that we can take part in our Masses whether at Church or at home. Of course the person who stands out is our very own Father Rory, without him none of this would be possible. He is our Holy Ordained Priest given to us by God. He is always here for us and helping us through troubled times. He has faults like us all, and humbly admits to them, but they fade into insignificance when he so ably does the job he was ordained to do and more. Thank you Father from the bottom of our hearts. One other person who must be mentioned is Jackie our secretary who has helped us in many things, she more than fulfils her job. Fr Rory would agree, along with the rest of us that she is a Godsend. No fuss, just gets on with any job in hand very efficiently with a smile. What a treasure she is for us.

**Ascension Day Mass:**

**Thursday, 13th May - at St George's Church** we will be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord at 10.00 a.m. Booking is still essential, so please contact Margaret on 870990, [mjpiegrome@btinternet.com](mailto:mjpiegrome@btinternet.com). to book.

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We look forward to worshipping with you on this important day in the church's calendar – remember to spread the good news to all our parishioners.