

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Is 48:20

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of  
joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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  
10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him,  
knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him  
up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to  
realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that  
anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is  
right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on  
all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter  
were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be  
poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them  
speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of  
God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water  
of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy  
Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them  
to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they  
begged him to stay on for some days.

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

**PSALM**

Ps 97:1-4. R.v2

**R) The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R)**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of St John  
4:7-10

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed  
when God sent into the world his only Son  
so that we could have life through him;  
this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

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:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 14:15-16

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
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.

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

**The Gloria**

**Glorify 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.

Go in peace.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**



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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	8th		St Wilfrid's	
		<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (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
Mon	10th		St George's -	
Tue	11th	10.00am	St George's -	Tom McCann RIP
Wed	12th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Creta O'Neil RIP
Thurs	13th	10.00am	St Georges -	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>
		10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Norman & Angela Wright RIP
Fri	14th		St Wilfrid's -	
Sat	15th		St Wilfrid's -	
		<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Catholic Communications Network Today)</b>		
Sun	16th	9.00am	St George's -	Margaret Madam's 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  
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212  
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Charles Piegrome & Monika Beaver  
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Stephen Murray  
**ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
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, 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**

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The Seventh Station: **Jesus gives the apostles the power to forgive sins.**

It is after the resurrection and the apostles are together, the doors are locked for fear. As the coronavirus has brought home to us, the implications and indeed the power of fear; that is why a good inquiry would be very rewarding and help to bear good fruit for our future. The greeting of Jesus when He enters the room that is locked, "Peace be with you" this is at the heart of God's mission in Christ Jesus. The ministry of reconciliation could be a great gift to the church in our future.

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

Peace be with you, is at the heart of confession, and when I was first ordained I spent hours in the confessional. A great source of grace, but even there, the enemy evil can penetrate. One of its fruits is scrupulosity, creating a disturbing barrier to God's grace. Another one which I experienced is the fear of having made a bad confession which confused my early life. I am not the only one. The grace is to be reconciled to God, becoming more aware that His power lives in us.

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

The Eighth Station: **"My Lord and my God". Thomas professes his faith in Jesus.**

Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. What a loss, and yet what compensation for all of us. It remains a comfort for us "doubting Thomas's". In fact the words of Jesus "Happy are those who have not seen and believe" is a good emphasis.

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

We are all a work in progress and where we are on this journey of life is always part of God's plan of salvation. The people we live among are always a part of God's providence. Salvation begins when we place all our hope and trust in Him. Then His power begins "to take root in our lives" so the reality is, these are the trials through which we triumph by the power of Him who loves us. This truth is our road through life, which often can have real difficulties and hardship - but again the words of Jesus "pray constantly and never lose heart". God's salvation will be great far and wide and a spirit of judgement and condemnation will be lifted off our shoulders.

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

The Ninth Station: **The Risen Lord Jesus meets His disciples on the shore of Tiberias.**

And again they do not recognise Him. "Have you caught anything friends?" he asks. And what is our answer? "We are on planet earth and work is in progress". A need for great patience, each life has a particular good purpose, all part of God's plan - the great mystery that is life. An aspect of this mystery from me is to be born as Siamese Twins, to blame someone, is a constant feature of life. Who's to blame?. So best to turn to prayer.

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

Jesus continues to be there, waiting whenever our lives seem to be so unproductive; the place where I find myself so often. So the last word will be Stations from St Thomas More, Seaford - Stations of the Resurrection.

Once more Jesus is not recognised by the apostles, for they are out fishing. However he performs a last miracle for them by filling their nets with fish. Let us remember that although we cannot see Him, Jesus is always there to help, whenever our efforts seem unproductive.

Dear Jesus help us to call on you, and to put our trust in you, whenever we have difficulties or disappointments.

*Jc Rory*

**St George's and St Wilfrid' Churches** – two communities, one parish. As we move out of lockdown and look towards the future, we can anticipate sharing events and news once more. This has not been possible for many months, because of staying at home, social distancing - designed to beat the virus that has ravaged the world. Father Rory has worked unstintingly to maintain the status quo in both churches and now there is a chance for us to thank him, by re-forging the links that tie us. There is talk of post-lockdown gatherings, to remember those who sadly have died, to praise the Lord for the miracle of vaccination, whilst enjoying food and drink together. Let us unite in prayer and praise as one parish in appreciation of our Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Stewards and all have who have worked through the pandemic, with the constant support of Father Rory.

**Ascension Day Mass: Thursday, 13th May - at St George's & St Wilfrid's**, The Ascension of our Lord both at 10.00am. Booking is still essential, so please contact Margaret on 870990, [mjpiegrome@btinternet.com](mailto:mjpiegrome@btinternet.com). to book for St George's. For St Wilfrid's please either book online through our website or contact Jackie on 841504. Thank you. 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.

## Deacon John Writes:

**Introduction:** Today in America they thank their mothers, pray for them, and honour them by celebrating Mother's Day offering our mothers on the altar of God.

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honouring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favourite flower), to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honour mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honour departed mothers and red to honour the living, a custom that continues to this day. Proverbs 31:10-31 offers us God's description and estimation of what a godly wife and mother looks like.

This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behaviour, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence (if possible), gifts, and prayers on Mother's Day. We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "Mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as commanded by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

**Remember that a Christian has two mothers:** On Mother's Day, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation, "*Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*" Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers. We need to be persons for others, sacrificing out time, talents, and lives for them as our mothers are now or have been.

*Deacon John*

**St George's Children's Liturgy:** We are delighted that Children's Liturgy has now returned bi-weekly in St George's Hall. The dates we will be in session are as follows: 9<sup>th</sup> May, when we will discuss the day's Gospel with the children, when we hope to make a crown of flowers and Crown Our Lady's Statue in the memorial garden; other dates - 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, and 20<sup>th</sup> June. We may return to weekly from July but will be guided by the Covid-19 changes. All children are welcome to the sessions but you must book in advance by contacting Sandra by email at [sandraforte40@gmail.com](mailto:sandraforte40@gmail.com) or phone 07791 627368.

**St George's First Holy Communion** – We are delighted to confirm that on 27<sup>th</sup> June three of our children will share Communion for the first time at St George's Church. We hope to be able to welcome as many parishioners as possible to attend this service, priority will be given to the families' guests, but there will be space for others. If you wish to attend please contact Margaret Piegrome or Sandra King. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this very special time in their Faith Journey.

**Confirmation** – Plans are currently underway to prepare Catechists to undertake Confirmation instruction for children, who will be in year 10 and above, and wish to take the Sacrament in 2022. More details to follow once a programme has been fully planned by the Catechists and Children's Liturgy team.

## Fundraiser for Pax Christi:

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/) for details on how you can sponsor them.