

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath
her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

Cf. Rev 12: 1

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6.10
The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the
covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with
the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her
head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying
aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared
in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten
horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet.
Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped
them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the
woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as
soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a
male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the
nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight
up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the
desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I
heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and
empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority
for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 44:10-12, 16. R.v10

**R) On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house. **(R)**

So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St.Paul to the Corinthians
15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who
have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the
same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one
man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to
life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the
first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who
belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over
the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he
has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the
enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put
under his feet.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

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

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the
hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and
greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's
greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all
women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the
mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached
my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she
who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be
fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear
him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy
- according to the promise he made to our ancestors -
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin
Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1:48-49

**All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Although the Dogma confirming that
Mary was in fact assumed body and
soul into heaven was only defined in
1954 by Pope Pius XII, but, in fact, he
was only confirming what Catholics
had held to be true for many centuries.
Of course there is no biblical
'evidence' to prove that Mary did not
suffer death like the rest of humanity,
but then Mary was exceptional in so
many ways, that it would seem
appropriate to think that she was
given special treatment when it was
time for her to leave this earth. Mary's
yes to the angel Gabriel to become the
Mother of God was in itself an
amazing proof of her total faith in
God. She spent the whole of her life
living the will of God to perfection
even to the point of being at the foot

of the cross as Jesus breathed his last
breath. She was so much imbued with
the Word of God that already she was
living the life of paradise on earth. She
wants us to go to her when we are
troubled. She wants to be our
advocate before her son. At the
wedding feast of Cana she asked Jesus
to save the face of the hosts and then
said to them: "Do whatever he tells
you". She can help us to do whatever
he tells us.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL AN ABSENCE OF HUMAN DIGNITY ON THE BORDERS

41. I realize that some people are hesitant
and fearful with regard to migrants. I
consider this part of our natural instinct of
self-defence. Yet it is also true that an
individual and a people are only fruitful
and productive if they are able to develop a
creative openness to others. I ask everyone
to move beyond those primal reactions
because "there is a problem when doubts
and fears condition our way of thinking
and acting to the point of making us
intolerant, closed and perhaps even –
without realizing it – racist. In this way,
fear deprives us of the desire and the ability
to encounter the other".

The Still Waters of Beauty* SEEING GOD THE INEXPRESSIBLE

Imitate God in your devotion and think deeply, since God's
unseen characteristics may be grasped through the visible
things which he has made. Look at what has been created.
Wonder at it, and seek its creator. If you are unlike God, you
will be cast back, but if you are like him you will rejoice. Being
like him, when you begin to approach him and to feel his
presence, your love will grow, for God is love.

Then you will begin to sense what you were trying to say and
could not put into words. Before you felt the presence of God,
you thought you would be able to express his nature, and now,
as you begin to feel his presence, you realize that he is
inexpressible. But when you have found what you feel cannot
be expressed, will you fall silent or will you praise God? Will
you fall dumb and fail to give thanks to the One who wants to
make himself known to you? You praised God when you were
seeking him; so will you be silent now that you have found
him? In no way should you show such ingratitude.

Reverence, praise and honour are his. See what you really are:
dust and ashes. Consider the One you have been thought
worthy to see, and understand that you, a mere human being,
have been made capable of seeing God. I am not speaking here
of what we deserve, but of what is granted us through the
mercy of God.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	14th		St Wilfrid's	
			The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary	
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's -	Anne Eamer's Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	17th	10.00am	St George's -	Rosamma Mathew RIP 1st Anniversary
Wed	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael & Kay McCarthy's Intention
Thurs	19th	10.00am	St George's -	Paul Lyons Intention
Fri	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Holy Souls' Intention
Sat	21st		St Wilfrid's -	
			Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's -	Margaret Madams RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

St George's Church, Masses are on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am and Sundays, 9am. Weekly attendance is now possible; please notify Sandra, 07791627368 or sandraforte40@gmail.com if you are returning on Sundays to ensure social distancing can be in place if needed.

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
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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, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, 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:

With the help of God we will continue to be progress for a return to a more normal life in our parish. Some of the signs are very hopeful and the vaccines have been a great blessing. To acknowledge that we could be hit by another variant that could be very virulent is adding to our anxieties unnecessarily, needs to be quickly embraced by God's help, and with His help we will come to terms with it. Living and learning with a proper amount of care and caution, makes all the difference. A lot more suffering was inflicted than necessary, but always the outcome is most important.

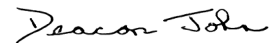
It is good to hear stories of what a great gift it is to be able to return to the things we once took so much for granted. A niece gave me a lovely story of her children returning to experience music for a family occasion. Admittedly it had to be C.D's and not the live band that would normally have provided the music in the past. I experienced an unexpected, but most welcomed window to events that we took so much for granted. In memory of Jeff and Anita Stone, I called at an old haunt from their time at Deanland Park retirement homes. By chance it coincided with a return to an open mike evening, where people take turns to provide their contribution to an evening of musical entertainment. What a lovely hour and a half it turned out to be.

Reading "The Tablet" this week, in the books section was a review of a book "Mission Impossible", which told the inside story of the team behind the Oxford Astra Zeneca Vaccine and the race against the virus. Inspiring, instructive, restoring ones faith in humanity. Heroes and mainly heroines working all the hours, and contending with adversaries; inspiring. Indeed, thanks be to God. Please God, we will have a very happy occasion this Sunday when we begin our progress to returning to church. It is a time a) Counting our blessings and b) Expressing our gratitude to those who do all the work that is necessary for these occasions to happen.

So we are most grateful for all our volunteers, and appreciate those who lead, who organise and who make all the preparations, in fact the hard work that is required. I am sincerely grateful, learning to count my blessings, and with your patience with me we will build back bigger and better.

**Deacon John Writes:**

Last Friday August 13th the Psalm was no.136. We only had 4 verses read to us. It is remarkable as it contains the phrase, "for his mercy endures forever" 14 times in those few verses. If you read the whole of the Psalm then the phrase occurs 26 times. Psalm 136 is a psalm of thanksgiving for the work of God in creation and his faithful love through Israel's history. It shows us God's goodness and the importance of this for us. Yes, we should remember that God always loves us - never forget this. In fact we should all do more than this we should do what the Psalmist says many times in this psalm. He says "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever," So I suggest that we adopt this phrase as a reminder for us during August. Try to remember to say it every day and not forget it during the day. Keep it in mind and surely it will help you in everything you do each and every day.



St Wilfrid's Church Flowers: Have you noticed the lovely flowers in the church recently? They are all from Fr Rory's garden (that Lulu lovingly attends) and also from some of our parishioners gardens. This is all to help our church save money.

St George's is gently and carefully returning to normal. It is no longer necessary to book into the weekday Masses on Tuesday and Thursday. It is preferable to book Sunday, but not absolutely necessary anymore. For those who would like some space around them, this can be accommodated. Music has made a welcome return and singing, with a mask - which is perfectly possible - is positively encouraged. Every care is being taken to make our church a safe place for all. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into our parish family and have plans for a thanksgiving Mass and social in September - more details to follow.

The Rosary group will re-start on Monday, 9 August 2021, at 2:30p.m. in St. George's hall. Parishioners from both churches are welcome. Please contact Martin 01323 485474.

Bereavement Mass, Sunday 22nd August at 3pm. We are looking forward to this taking place as it will be so helpful because for many there has been much sadness and indeed loss, so it is important to pray for one another and when we can to support each other.

Volunteers are needed at St Wilfrid's: There are forms being handed out after Mass and are available on the table in the church porch, listing the areas where we need your help. Please consider very carefully as to where you can contribute to the successful running of our church and community, Please return to the presbytery.

Beginning Experience Weekend: October 8th – 10th, Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For those who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or bereavement.

Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. More details at besouthofengland@gmail.com.

There is a special Mass on 15th August (the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at 10.30am to remember those who have sadly experienced losses during the past lock downs. The Mass will be held in the church and will include the participation of the children of the parish to represent the Future. The memorial garden will also feature in our service, in special remembrance of three people, representative of our community and will encompass a period of quiet reflection.

Following the Mass, "Tea and Tombola" (A sit-down tea of sandwiches, savouries and cakes and the chance to win prizes in the tombola!). We URGENTLY need helpers to manage this event throughout and welcome anyone over 16 and under 70 to volunteer their services.

We need help with cleaning and preparing the hall on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning (13th/14th). Saturday afternoon requires setting up of tables and chairs and laying up the tables with crockery and cutlery.

Sunday morning (before Mass) we will need people to distribute prepared food to tables and also help with the preparation of beverages and some of the food.

After the event, clearing and cleaning of the crockery and cutlery etc. washed (dishwasher or hand wash as appropriate), dried and stored. Chairs and tables will need to be stored; hall kitchen and wash-rooms cleaned, floors swept and washed. Disposal of all rubbish.

All food will be provided by the hall management committee and the cost recuperated by the proceeds of the tombola hopefully. (Any other monetary donations will also be gratefully received but there is no obligation). Please help us to make this a pleasant and memorable occasion. For further details of the actual work involved please contact: Lesley: 01323 841011; Maeve: 01323 449131; Loretta; 01323 844890; Jean: 01323 842824.

There will be a meeting after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday. If you can come and help please do so, as this will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all.

Meal at the Treacle Mine: We were down in numbers as many of our friends were child minding or on staycation, as it was the holiday month. Something I had not realised at the time of booking. 'Oops', nevertheless 12 of us came, plus Fr Rory of course and mostly our friends from St George's.

It was lovely to catch up on various news items and gossip, as we had not been able to mix for so long, we all appreciated the freedom to see each other and chat. We agreed to meet up each month for a lunch together. The next date will be Thursday 9th September, we hope you can make it.

The manager at the Treacle Mine is very happy to accommodate us in our special space away from the other diners and we are treated very well. This venue is between both parishes and so we will book our tables there again. Watch this space for further details nearer the time.

Fake £5. Notes: Please be aware there are fake £5 notes in circulation at the moment.