

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Ps 12: 6

THE COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, always pondering spiritual things,
we may carry out in both word and deed
that which is pleasing to you.
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 first book of Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph,
accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to
search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the
force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear
stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops
lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, ‘Today God has put your enemy
in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own
spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.’ David
answered Abishai, ‘Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand
against the Lord’s anointed and be without guilt? David took
the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul’s head,
and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up;
they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen
on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the
mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between
them. He called out, ‘Here is the king’s spear. Let one of the
soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for
his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my
power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord’s
anointed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13. R.v8

R) The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul;
but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first
the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with
the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by
nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man
was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are
we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly
man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I say this to you who are listening:
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless
those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the
man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too;
to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your
tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your
property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you
would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you,
what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love
them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what
thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if
you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks
can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the
same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and
lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward,
and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to
the ungrateful and the wicked.

‘Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not
judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn,
and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and
you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full
measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over,
will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure
out is the amount you will be given back.’

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,
with the observance that is your due,
we humbly ask you,
that what we offer to the honour of your majesty
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we may experience the effects of the salvation
which is pledged to us by these mysteries.
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

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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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	19th		St Wilfrid's	
		Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, Today)		
Sun	20th	9.00am	St George's -	Marie Fogarty RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	21st	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	22nd	10.00am	St George's -	In Thanksgiving
Wed	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	B O'Briens Intention
Thurs	24th	10.00am	St George's -	Peter's Intention
		11.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret & John Forde's Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Fri	25th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mary Kennedy's Intention
Sat	26th		St Wilfrid's -	
		Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wednesday is Ash Wednesday; Fasting and Abstinence)		
Sun	27th	9.00am	St George's -	Joseph & Rose Falkner
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Betty Ellison RIP (1st Anniversary)

Confessions on request at anytime or before and after Masses at St Wilfrid's and St George's Church

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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Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455
Contact Care: 07900 823138

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Michael Copper, Peter Standen and Richard Stimpson.

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 9am-1pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

I am very pleased with St George's Church and St Wilfrid's with the care and attention that has been given to this most important event "Synod 23". While I was away I was very grateful to know that such important work was being done in our parish. When I returned I found a letter waiting from one of the most inspiring persons that I have met in my life, and the challenge that it brings. His name is Deacon Dominic Dring, His brother is our Dean and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne. So I am bringing it to our attention alongside other important needs, building core groups, preparing to progress again; leaven groups, and also ecumenical dialogue, through building up our liturgies; our mass on Sundays.



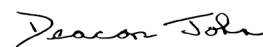
Deacon John Writes:

The readings next weekend, Feb 20th, really do challenge us. First off is the "golden rule". In everyday language this rule is "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Stop being selfish and really listen to what others need and to be sensitive to the feelings of others. This is what is called love in the "golden rule". The second challenge is to love unconditionally in our relationships with others. The third and last challenge is to forgive unconditionally - no seeking revenge or retaliation for anything that has happened - instead look for the good in others and encourage and support others in their need.

We all know how easy it is to forget how God has worked in our lives. Just think for a moment of your memories, each of which will tell a story of God at work in you.

There are several stories of forgiveness in the real world, including these three which concern two presidents of the United States and a truck driver. When President Gerald Ford granted former President Richard Nixon "a free, full and absolute pardon" for his participation and perjury in the "Watergate" scandal, many considered Ford's decision to be an act of weakness. In 1977, when President Jimmy Carter offered amnesty to those who, during the Vietnamese War, had avoided being conscripted, he was criticised for not enforcing the law. Both men, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, "took the heat", as it were, because neither was motivated by partisan politics or the pressure of public opinion. Each had chosen to go beyond the limits of strict justice in order to exercise a mercy that was dictated, not by law, but by a conscience formed on Gospel principles. During the race riots in Los Angeles, in the aftermath of the Rodney King incident, a truck driver named Reginald Denny was pulled from his vehicle and severely beaten with a brick. When the case went to trial in 1993, Denny stunned the courtroom with his offer of forgiveness to those who had almost killed him. Later Denny said that only by forgiving the perpetrators of the crime against him had he been able to put the event behind him and move on.

Finally on a lighter note I offer you this: There's a story told of a husband and wife both of whom were doctors – one a Doctor of Theology and the other a Doctor of Medicine. When their doorbell was rung and the maid answered, the inquirer would often ask for "the doctor". The maid's interesting reply was: "Do you want the one who preaches or the one who practices?"



A "webinar" with Bishop Richard, Wednesday 9 March at 7.30pm.

Hopefully you all know that a two-year synodal process is taking place across the Catholic Church and our Parish has already sent its responses to the Diocese. That was the first stage.

The second stage is for Bishop Richard to prayerfully engage with the responses submitted and to discern, with the help of the Holy Spirit, how he will compile this into a document to be sent to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales for the next step in the journey.

It was decided that, in the spirit of dialogue, it is really important for participants to hear what is being forwarded onto the national level, and have the opportunity to provide feedback.

To enable this to happen, the Diocese will be hosting a live webinar, where Bishop Richard will present the document. This will be recorded for those unable to attend at the time.

If you would like to watch the live webinar then you should register your interest by visiting the Diocesan website <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod> and click on the words indicated.

St Georges Children's Liturgy Lent Fundraising:

During Lent we are asking our children and families to raise money for Tiny Tickers. 1 in 125 babies is born with a serious heart condition. Tiny Tickers helps to fund oximetry monitors in maternity wards. Early detection of Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) is key to saving lives. Our local NHS Trust has committed to having these monitors and all funds raised by our children will go to help this happen. Please support our children in their efforts through your prayers and donations.

Two key dates for fundraising are;

- Sunday 20th March - Cake Sale and Raffle after mass in St George's Hall
- Sunday April 3rd 12noon - Sponsored Parish Walk from Jevington to Alfriston (Reserve day 10th April)

Margaret & John Forde's Diamond Wedding Anniversary:

Mass at 11am on Thursday 24th February. They have requested no gifts please. If you would like to make a donation, there will be a box available for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you.

All St Wilfrid's and St George's parishioners who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation (and parents if candidate 14 - 16) are invited to attend an information meeting and first session at St George's hall on Sunday 6th March 4pm - 6pm. The parish Confirmation programme will run for 11 weeks and prepare all candidates for the Deanery Confirmations being held in late May. A programme information leaflet is available at church today, or for more information contact Sandra on 07791627368 or email sandraforte40@gmail.com

Over 50's Activities:

Our next Afternoon Tea will be Thursday 24th Feb at 2pm in our Hall. Everyone is welcome at this very friendly and happy occasion, bring your friends and invite anyone you think would benefit from a "Happy Social Event". The cost is £3 and you will be surprised at what you will be offered! Do come along and enjoy yourselves, don't let Covid win anymore!! Look forward to meeting up again, Joan.

There is a planned 'Men's way of the Cross' Friday 3rd March. It will begin at 9pm with adoration and confession, mass at 10pm at Christ the King and then the way of the cross across Beachy Head. It will take most of the night and we are expected to return at about 5am for a hearty breakfast.

ENRICHING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH" - OUR LADY OF RANSOM (EASTBOURNE): A series of talks to enrich and deepen our understanding of our faith. All are welcome to all or any of the talks.

- **Thursday, 3rd March** - Can War ever be Just? - speaker: Fr Kevin.
- **Thursday, 17th March** - The Second Vatican Council (reasons for and consequences) - speaker: to be confirmed
- **Thursday, 31st March** - Making use of scripture in prayer. - speaker: Caroline Rother.

Sessions last an hour and start at 7.30pm in the Our Lady of Ransom Parish Hall (accessed via car park), - with a break halfway for refreshments.

ALPHA 2022 - EASTBOURNE CATHOLIC CHURCHES: We will be commencing our second parish **online Alpha Course** for 11 consecutive Wednesdays, **via Zoom**, on **Wednesday 9th March**. Alpha is an acclaimed international programme that explores the Christian faith and is aimed at anyone who wants to examine their faith more deeply and develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact: Alpha.OLR22@gmail.com Before the first session you will need to set up Zoom (if not already done so) by going to [ZOOM.US/TEST](https://zoom.us/join) and joining a test meeting. All are welcome!

Churches Together, Polegate Willingdon and Jevington - The Life Christian Centre at 6 Oldfield Road, Willingdon Eastbourne BN20 9QE, will be meeting every Wednesday at 2.00pm, for refreshments, whilst relaxing and chatting. All are welcome!

Lenten Reflection for Young Adults (18-35)

Facilitated by the House of Prayer team, this day will provide a time of quiet reflection during this season of renewal. Based on Ignation spirituality, we will explore prayer and scripture in a new and profound way.

Saturday 12th March 10am-4pm House of Prayer East Molesey Cost £25 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

Confirmation Catechist Reflection & Formation Day

Join us for a day of Lenten reflection led by The Catholic Bible School. You will have the opportunity to stop, pray, and spend time with the Lord during this season of renewal. You will also discover new and exciting ways to help young people connect to their faith.

Saturday 26th March 10am-3.30pm St John the Evangelist Horsham Cost £5 email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

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Shoe Boxes - Love in a Box! If you have any spare shoe boxes, please leave them at the back of the church in St. George's, so they can be covered for the end of the year. Thank you to those who have already donated boxes!

Dates for your Diary

Sat March 12th at 11am - Family friendly Stations of the Cross at St George's Church. Everyone is welcome. Followed by a Lenten Lunch in the hall.

Sun March 20th - Cake Sale & Raffle after Mass in St George's Hall.

Sun April 3rd at 12noon - Sponsored Walk, Jevington to Alfriston - More information to follow. Reserve date **Sun 10th April**.

Sunday 13th February 2022

St George's Attendances: 70 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 78