

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 90:15-16

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

THE COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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 Deuteronomy

26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 90:1-2.10-15.R.v15

R) Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R)**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **(R)**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R)**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13
Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray,
to make these offerings,
for with them we celebrate the beginning
of this venerable and sacred time.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 4:4

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread,
by which faith is nourished, hope increased,
and charity strengthened,
we pray, O Lord,
that we may learn to hunger for Christ,
the true and living Bread,
and strive to live by every word
which proceeds from your mouth.
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 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.*Stand*

**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.**

*All bow**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.**

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	5th		St Wilfrid's	
		First Sunday of Lent		
		(Friday is Lent Fast Day)		
Sun	6th	9.00am	St George's -	Michael Barry RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		3.00pm	St George's -	Stations of the Cross
Mon	7th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	8th	10.00am	St George's -	Anne English RIP
Wed	9th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael Brady
Thurs	10th	10.00am	St George's -	Wladiswaua Zylowicz
Fri	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Mollie Jefferson RIP
Sat	12th	11.00am	St George's -	Stations of the Cross (Family Friendly)
		Second, 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent		
		(Collection for CAFOD Today)		
Sun	13th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Jennifer Barnett RIP

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
St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212
St George's & St Wilfrid's Finance Committee Treasurers Monika Beaver
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE
Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753
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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

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:

“For the Love of God”

For the love of God. These five words provide a great focus for this moment. At this time the word “dreadful” so often fits the scene; people battling with bad health, loss of loved ones, the constant crisis that has been the coronavirus, and now the crisis in the Ukraine.

Last week's focus was on six words. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The life of God in heaven and the light of God's family life on earth, the family home in Nazareth. It is only light that can dispel darkness, and because there is no magic in God, one of the most frequent signs that I turn to is the crucifixion and to be honest, still remains for me a great mystery... hope remains in the words “no cross, no crown”.

Rightly there is a great outpouring of sympathy for the victims with a constant cry for help for the people from Ukraine. Pope Francis leads the appeal from our church with requests for novenas, fasting and prayer. Please God, we will make a good response.

Following up on last weeks expression “Lent means Spring”, at the core of our parish there is a great need for our response for Spring. As the contingences that were put in place for the pandemic are being lifted, a return to life is now very possible but it is a very different situation. Age has certainly taken its toll, so unless we have a new generation, there is no magic, we will be at a great loss. I return to something important that I will continue to say. The only thing that we can rely upon for the future from the fruits of the harvest, is the seeds that we sow. A great thanks to those who are sowing new seeds. I am truly grateful, particularly those at work with our children's liturgy.

Also a great significance is the work that is being done for the Synod, and the hope that new core groups will begin to take shape. To develop and grow must become a real desire. The great emphasis on convenience and being able to go to mass has had its day. The realization that all the seminaries were closing, the amount of Catholic teachers that are available from our Catholic schools are very few, with the amount of children making First Holy Communion, but it is also their last time. We have a great ray of sunshine from St George's church with a very good programme of preparation for confirmation getting underway, a ray of hope, with the return of our communities to our Sunday Mass.



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food.

Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).

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

The Diocese will be hosting a live webinar, where Bishop Richard will present the document about Pope Francis's consultation. This will be recorded for those unable to see it on a computer, and, afterwards, the Parish will arrange to show it locally. Details later.

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.

Hailsham Foodbank: are currently running low on longlife dairy milk, tinned sweetcorn/carrots/peas, tinned tomatoes, tomato based pasta sauce and tinned meat (such as hot dogs, chicken in white sauce, chilli, stew etc.). They would very much appreciate you including one of these items in your shopping if you donate at local supermarkets. Another fantastic way of helping them, which they set up during lockdown, is by donating to a platform called Bankuet. When they have enough funds on that platform they are able to order food in bulk directly and this has been invaluable to them. Details are on their website www.hailsham.foodbank.org.uk Thank you.

Save the Date, Saturday 13th August 2022 when there will be a special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since the first Mass here at St Wilfrid's.

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)

On Sunday 6th March, 20th March, 3rd April, and 10th April there will be **Stations of the Cross** in St. George's at 3pm. On Passion Sunday, 10th April, Stations will be followed by **Benediction**.

Stations of The Cross (family friendly): On Saturday 12th March at 11am a family friendly Stations of the Cross will take place in St George's Church. All parishioners are encouraged to join us, and especially our younger ones (any age). Following the Stations we will enjoy a Lent soup lunch in the hall. There will be three soup options to choose from and plenty of bread and butter. The lunch will be to help the children raise money for Tiny Tickers, our chosen Lent charity. To help with catering please can you message Sandra on 07791627368 confirming your name and both adult and child numbers attending or email sandraforte40@gmail.com. We very much look forward to this event. All Welcome.

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

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, 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.

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.

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!

Bereavement Group: will be meeting up again on Friday 25th March at 11am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. All welcome.

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**.

Sat 13th August - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sunday 27th February 2022

St George's Attendances: **TBC** St Wilfrid's Attendances: 122