

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for
the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy,
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico
of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the
people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and
women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So
many signs and wonders were worked among the people at
the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into
the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that
at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as
he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns
round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those
tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 117:2-4.22-27.R.v1

R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R)

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19
My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your
brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you
endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached
God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and
the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me,
shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.'
I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned
I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a
figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist
with a golden girdle.
When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched
me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First
and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to
live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the

underworld. Now write down all that you see of present
happenings and things that are still to come.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 20:29
Jesus said:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the
doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said
to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and
his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the
Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you,'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not
with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We
have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that
the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the
holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I
refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the
house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were
closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be
with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into
my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My
Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'
There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These
are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life
through his name.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
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:

Stand

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.

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. Or:
Go in peace.

The people reply:
Thanks be to God.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	23rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church open for Confessions
			Second 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	
Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's -	Sebastian Martin & Family Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Special Intention
Mon	25th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	26th	10.00am	St George's -	John & Paul Bree RIP
Wed	27th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Kay & Michael McCarthy's Intention
Thurs	28th	10.00am	St George's -	Philomena Barrett RIP
Fri	29th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Phil Bourke RIP
Sat	30th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Confessions
			Third Sunday of Easter	
			(Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)	
Sun	1st	9.00am	St George's -	People of the Parish
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Ada Mary Garner 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
Chairperson of the Finance Committee Gerry Palmer
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

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, Sebastian Martin, 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:

With gratitude, real gratitude.

The Easter celebrations were a great blessing. The meaning, the hopes they bring in marked contrast with the normal news we hear. Receiving the Holy water, the Easter cards, the messages; so many. "Let us greet the Risen Lord with thankfulness and joy". A good foundation upon which to place our hopes and expectations.

On the horizon is the Feast of the Ascension, but above all, Pentecost our firm foundation upon which to build. The preliminary work that went into our response, the call for a Synod to help renew the life of the church. I am really grateful for the work that has gone into this, and now the intention to develop our response. Part of that response is to be ready for new offers of help and effectively use the help we can get.

Fr Rory

Deacon John Writes:**Joke of the Week**

The reason for these jokes according to an ancient Russian Orthodox tradition, is that the day before Easter was devoted to telling jokes. The reason was to reflect the joke God pulled on the devil in the Resurrection. Satan thought he had won on Friday, but God had the last laugh on Easter Sunday.

"TA-DA!" A Sunday school teacher had just finished telling her third graders about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing the opening. Then, wanting to share the excitement of the Resurrection, she asked: "And what do you think were Jesus' first words when He came bursting out of that tomb alive?" A hand shot up into the air from the rear of the classroom. Attached to it was the arm of a little girl. Leaping out of her chair she shouted out excitedly "I know, I know!" "Good" said the teacher, "Tell us, what were Jesus first words?" And extending her arms high into the air she said: "TA-DA!" Another little boy offered, "Please stop staring and pass me the fish sandwiches — it's been three days and I'm starving!" The teacher asked a second question: "Why did Jesus appear to women first after the Resurrection?" A girl answered, "He wanted to be sure the news spread quickly!"

Deacon John

Wedding Anniversary Celebration: David & Anne Hoad celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 1st May. We would like to send them both good wishes and congratulations from all the parish community.

St Wilfrid's Parish Meeting: will take place after Mass this Sunday (24th April) in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. All welcome.

Appeal for helpers - Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: We have received several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but **at this point we are short of Helpers**. After two 'grace years' dictated by the pandemic we are conscious of people's wellbeing, and we are having to look for more helpers than usual who are fit and well to support others. Subsidies are available for helpers to go towards them meeting the costs of the pilgrimage. As we currently stand, we will have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance, if we do not get a significant number of fit helpers applying in the next few weeks, so please do apply if you can spare the time to help those in need. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying 01403 740110, office@ablourdes.org Helpers Apply now lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk

A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35)

Join our community of young adults on 7 May for a day in East Preston with Fr Stephen Ortiger. We will start with Mass, followed by a walk on the beach then share lunch at a wonderful beachside café. A great opportunity to get to know other Catholics your age. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more info.

We are a small group in Polegate praying for our children and all children. We are opening up the group to include those who feel they would like to join us. We meet on Wednesday mornings and are part of a much bigger worldwide group, over a hundred countries are all praying for our children and grandchildren. It is truly a wonderful achievement, after all meeting together, to have prayed for them. **Ring me on Polegate 487688 for more information Cathy.**

Over 50's Activities - St Wilfrid's Church Hall:

Our next Afternoon Tea will be **Thursday 28th April**, 2pm to 4pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to this friendly social event.

Platinum Jubilee: We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June with a Jubilee Lunch. Please put your name on the list in the church porch if you would like to contribute a dish. If possible the dish would be able to serve approximately 15 people with a small bowl of food. If you are unsure what to provide please see Teresa Bradley or Loretta Fry. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Church: Cards for every occasion are on sale in the church. Cards 70p each. Prayer cards 10p each

Dates for your Diary

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

Sunday 17th April 2022

St George's Attendances: 96

St Wilfrid's Attendances: 130

