

15TH MAY 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

### THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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

14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. ‘We all have to experience many hardships’ they said ‘before we enter the kingdom of God.’ In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

### PSALM

Ps 144:8-13.R.cf.v.1

**R) I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R)**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from

the throne, ‘You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.’

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: ‘Now I am making the whole of creation new’.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 13:34

**Jesus said: I give you a new commandment:  
love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange  
effected in this sacrifice  
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 15:1,5

**I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray,  
O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK 1/PROPER

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



At first sight Our Lord’s words seem somewhat contradictory: Jesus has been glorified and yet he will be glorified! By his willing and total obedience, even to the cross, his Father has been

glorified; Jesus’ followers too, in virtue of their Baptism, can by their loving and willing obedience to the Father, glorify God. In return for obedience, God glorifies Jesus – and with Jesus, ourselves! God glorifies Jesus “in Himself”. *“I came from the Father and entered the world,”* Jesus reminds his apostles, *“And now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”* Jesus, in a sense, left his Father behind in order to be with humanity and at his resurrection he will be returning to the Father taking humanity with him. In virtue of

his shared Godhead, Jesus commands his followers, ‘Be like my Father and myself: we are LOVE! Love one another. You cannot join me yet where I shall be; but you can by your love for one another, reveal God, reveal my nature. You must seek my face in one another and by your love reveal LOVE.’



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



## A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

76. Let us turn at last to the injured man. There are times when we feel like him, badly hurt and left on side of the road. We can also feel helpless because our institutions are neglected and lack resources, or simply serve the interests of a few, without and within. Indeed, “globalized society often has an elegant way of shifting its gaze. Under the guise of being politically correct or ideologically fashionable, we look at those who suffer without touching them. We televise live pictures of them, even speaking about them with euphemisms and with apparent tolerance”.<sup>59</sup>

59. Message to the Meeting of Popular Movements, Modesto, California, United States of America (10 February 2017): AAS 109 (2017), 291.



**Former Things  
are Passed Away**



‘Death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more; for the former things are passed away.’ Nor any more sin; nor any more guilt; no more remorse; no more punishment, no more penitence, no more trials, no infirmity to depress us; no affection to mislead us; no passion to transport us; no sloth, no pride, no envy, no strife; but the light of God’s countenance proceeding out of the throne.

**John Henry Newman**



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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## ST WILFRID



South Road  
Hailsham

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church open for Prayer & Confessions
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>				
<b>(Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Today)</b>				
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's -	Martin Forte-Hyland RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	16th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	17th	10.00am	St George's -	Tom McCann RIP
Wed	18th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Anniversary of Simon Davis RIP
Thurs	19th	10.00am	St George's -	Elizabeth Robinson's Intention
Fri	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Maddy Frankenhoff's Intention
Sat	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Prayer & Confessions
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>				
<b>(Collection for Catholic Communications Network next Sunday)</b>				
Sun	22nd	9.00am	St George's -	Merce & Christian Jane-Heydsiek Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

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  
Hailsham Hall Hire ..... Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address  
Prayer Line .....Jean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM**

**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 the help of God”**

**Yes, with the help of God we will do better; and so let us rely more upon that help.** We had a very good get together with those who attended our first meeting in response to the issues raised by those who responded to the Synod questionnaires.

The reality of the age profile of the priests now in the church here in England and Ireland is beginning to be recognised and acknowledged. A great concern is the number of churches closing, and being sold; with this becoming a threat for other churches. For years our response has been too superficial, and of no help or benefit for a good outcome to the problems that are real.

With all my heart and soul I pray to God that this Synod will provide a great opportunity. I recall the great hope with which the 2nd Vatican Council was received. Equally there were many who were hostile to it. Life does not change, and so I am becoming more realistic. The first thing I can do in my response is not to set my hopes too high. Also to become more responsible and in the best possible way to help so that we can achieve the best possible outcome. **Please God, St George’s church and St Wilfrid’s will flourish through God’s grace at work in us.**

Structures have a good purpose and we made a good first response to the question raised by those in our parish to the Synod Questionnaire.

I brought to our attention some structures that worked very well in our past. The St Vincent De Paul Society and something parallel with this for the ministers of the eucharist. The Legion of Mary as a structure in support of the readers. Also many others as for preparation for the sacraments; for the liturgy for ecumenism. Beginning with core groups, identifying first points to help progress our response and in time our leaven groups will be up and running again. **“Fit for purpose”.**



**Collection for the Ukraine:**

If you would like to support us in collecting items for Ukraine, here are some of the items we are collecting:-

Tinned food i.e. meat/fruit, good condition clothing, nappies, baby wipes, toiletries etc. If you would like more information please speak to Loretta after Mass. Thank you.

**Parish suggestions - Prayer:**

Some of the suggestions made by parishioners during the recent SYNOD consultation relating to the prayer life of us all. Since 2012 the Diocese has been calling us to increase the longstanding Catholic tradition of pausing for prayer at 3pm on Fridays, the time that Jesus died on the Cross.

The Diocese say we would like to invite all Catholics to pause for a moment of prayer, praise and thanksgiving at 3pm (or at lunchtime if you prefer). You may wish to make up a prayer of your own or say “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world”. The exact words used are not as important as pausing to be with Jesus in that moment and deepening your relationship with Him.

**Requiem Mass for the late Clodagh Coleman** who sadly passed away, will be held on Wednesday 25th May at St Wilfrid’s Church at 11am.

**Confirmation - 22nd May 2.30pm OLR**

Please keep in your prayers ten of our Parishes Children and two adults who are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of confirmation later this month. The Confirmation Service, with Bishop Richard, will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 22nd May at Our Lady of Ransom.

**Time for tea?** Please allow a little extra time on a Sunday to enjoy tea/coffee and a chat with your fellow parishioners. Both St George’s and St Wilfrid’s are blessed to be able to hold this social opportunity, in our halls, after mass and would love to have more people join us weekly. All friends and family are also welcome - they don’t have to have been at mass to enjoy some time with us!

**St Wilfrid’s 1st Holy Communion:** Sunday 22nd May at the 10.30am Mass. All welcome. Followed by 1st Holy Communion Breakfast on Sunday 29th May in St Wilfrid’s Hall after Mass. All invited.

**Over 50’s Activities - St Wilfrid’s Hall:** Our next afternoon tea will be a special Jubilee Tea on Thursday 26th May, 2-4pm. Please could we dress up for the occasion (wear something red, white or blue), £3 per person. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**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.

**Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead**

A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. If you would like to find out more please contact E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Sunday 5th June  
St George's Church 9am & St Wilfrid's Church 10.30am

At St Wilfrid's we will be celebrating with a Jubilee Lunch after the 10.30am Mass. Please reserve a seat on our website [www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk](http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk) or contact Jackie on 841504. All welcome.

**Special Centenary Mass - Saturday 13th August 2022**  
**St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham at 11am**

A Special Mass with Bishop Richard will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham to celebrate 100 years since first Mass was held.

If you would like to join us in celebrating this special Mass please either book on-line on our website [www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk](http://www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk) or contact Jackie by email [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com) or phone 841504. Thank you.

**Lent Fundraising for Tiny Tickers - We raised £1024.10**

We are delighted to announce that Our Parish Children's Liturgy Fundraising for Tiny Tickers during Lent was a great success with just over £1000 being raised. This amazing amount was achieved through several different events and our thanks go to everyone who supported them and gave so generously. Events included, family Stations and Lent Lunch, Cake Sale, Raffle, Sponsored Walk, Rosary Group Lent Alms and a Family Recital and afternoon tea held by two of our children and their family.

The money raised has been sent to Tiny Tickers and will soon be spent on the purchase of at least one ward based Pulse Oximetry machine and possibly also a portable unit along with training of staff for use. These machines will be placed in our local Maternity ward and/or Midwifery Unit and will ensure babies born there in the future will be tested at birth for Congenital Heart Defects.

**ENRICHMENT TALKS:** Our Lady of Ransom Hall, Eastbourne, from 7.30pm – 8.30pm **Thurs 19th May** : A Priest in Peru - life & ministry in the Andes. (Fr Kevin). **Thurs 26th May** : Eucharistic Adoration. (Caroline Rother). **Thurs 9th June** : Henry VIII and Annulment. (John de Waal). **Thurs 23rd June** : Love of Neighbour - examples from Jesus in the Gospels. (John Kimberley).

**"SAINTS & SINNERS CONCERT":** Our Lady of Ransom, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May (7:30-9.30 pm), with refreshments interval mid-way. An evening of secular and sacred music and storytelling, exploring and celebrating the journey of faith as saints and sinners on the road. John Holmstrom (keyboard) and Dominic Dring (saxophone, flute and vocals) with special guests. Donation (suggested £5-£10) on the night, with support given towards local charities. This is part of a series of concerts across Sussex churches.

**Monthly Mass at Eastbourne District General Hospital:** a monthly Mass at 12 pm on the **last Tuesday of each month** is celebrated in the Hospital Chapel, to which anyone is invited who would like to come and pray with and for the staff and patients.

**The ASCENT Information Session 24 May at 7.30pm**

An opportunity for Parents, Catechists and Priests to learn more about the ASCENT project and the huge impact it is having on young lives. Meet the team, as well as young people who are already taking part, to have all your questions answered. Join one of our Zoom sessions to discover more about this fantastic project for teenagers in year 10, 11 and 12. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for joining instructions.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Sat 13th August, 11am** - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

**Sunday 8th May 2022** St George's Attendances: 68 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 128