

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were
made, alleluia.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
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

13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps.99:1-3.5.R.v3

R) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

7:9. 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jn 10:14

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me
listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me
is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these
paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 Most High,
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	7th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's	Church open for Prayer & Confessions
			Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter	
			(Collection for the Education of Future Priests Today)	
			(Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese next Sunday)	
Sun	8th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael Bradley RIP
Mon	9th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	10th	10.00am	St George's -	Michael Bradley RIP
Wed	11th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Kay & Michael McCarthy's Intention
Thurs	12th	10.00am	St George's -	Marie Fogarty RIP
Fri	13th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Clodagh Coleman RIP
Sat	14th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Prayer & Confessions
			Fifth Sunday of Easter	
			(Collection for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese Today)	
Sun	15th	9.00am	St George's -	Martin Forte-Hyland RIP
		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
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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:

"Incredible"

When I look around the grounds and church I am truly blessed. Gratitude, especially to Lulu and all who help me in the churches is extremely helpful. I hope I can do better to help our parish to continue to develop and grow.

I have had to respond a lot to the needs of our time, and listening to people in real need who get in touch either calling at the door or on the phone, this has been demanding. Watching the news coming from the war and destruction that is happening in the Ukraine; after two years of the pandemic means that we are all more brittle, and living with greater stress. I am very blessed by all the help and support, and the Easter Services have been a great blessing. Following on our response to the Synod, our meeting on Tuesday evening was very encouraging. So let us continue to pray constantly and never lose heart.

What is truly incredible is this season of God's grace. After the crucifixion of our Divine Lord, the early disciples i.e. the church was in a great state of confusion and distress. As the stories of the resurrection began to circulate there is a change. More stories emerge that begin to show them how they should respond. Let us too become more prepared to respond and progress as the Synod continues to happen. Soon we will be celebrating the Feast of the Ascension, and the time that follows is the greatest time in the whole year "When the day of Pentecost came the disciples were gathered". At the time when I was ordained there was a great Pentecost Renewal and I had some great experiences at that time.

So please God, there will be a reawakening and renewal as we recover again after the pandemic. I look forward to the minutes of our parish meeting, hoping to see the initial development from seeds that were sown, alongside the other analogy of the fresh foundations that are being laid, so it is a truly important time and at the heart of it prayer. "Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and fill us with the fire of your love".

To be continued.



Synod: Last Tuesday 15 parishioners from both of our churches met to discuss how we could start the process of responding to everyone who made suggestions for the development of our Parish earlier this year. A useful discussion was held and people indicated which subjects they were interested in and ways in which our two communities could work together and learn from each other. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about the different areas that we hopefully will try to improve.

Lent Fundraising for Tiny Tickers - We raised £1000

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.

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.

Crowning Our Lady - This Sunday the children at St George's Church will prepare a crown of flowers to Crown Our Lady's Statue in the Remembrance Garden after mass.

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!

Knights of St Columba: All men are invited to the meeting of the Knights of St Columba at 3pm on Friday 13th May in St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. Details from Bob Waters Tel: 01323 847014.

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

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 28th 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 Sessions 11 or 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 for joining instructions.

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.

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 1st May 2022 St George's Attendances: 60 St Wilfrid's Attendances: 89