



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**'PALM' GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village facing you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

*'Tell the daughter of Sion,  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted,

*'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!'*

And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.'

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4 - 7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**PSALM**

**R) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Ps. 21

All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.'  
Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones.

(R)

They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me!

(R)

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

(R)

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**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:  
Christ was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.**

**THE PASSION**

Matthew 26:14-27:66

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mt. 26:4

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,  
your will be done.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Look, we pray, O Lord, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be delivered into the hands of the wicked and submit to the agony of the Cross. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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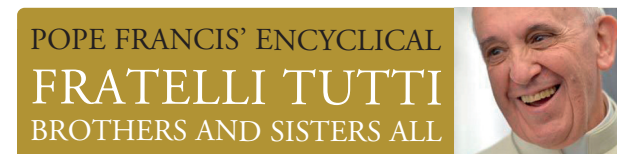
## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The scene described in today's Gospel probably seemed to the people at the time to be Jesus' great moment of triumph. Finally, he has been accepted by large crowds of people who call him "son of David" as he makes his way into

Jerusalem. The Apostles too probably saw this as Jesus getting his just reward for the love he had shown to so many people. And, though they had been told by Jesus that he was going to suffer and die, that was far from their thoughts amidst all the celebrating. And yet, in a very short time, the tide was to turn against Jesus. The crowds, instead of praising him, will soon be baying for his blood and preferring a common thief to him. Even his closest companions whom he had called and loved in a special

way would deny him and run away when the going got tough. There are times for us too, when things seem to be going well that we want to thank and praise the Lord, when we promise to be faithful to him come what may. But it doesn't take much, especially when things appear to go 'wrong' for us, that we turn our backs on God and try to find comfort in the things of this world.



## RIGHTS WITHOUT BORDERS

122. Development must not aim at the amassing of wealth by a few, but must ensure "human rights – personal and social, economic and political, including the rights of nations and of peoples".<sup>99</sup> The right of some to free enterprise or market freedom cannot supersede the rights of peoples and the dignity of the poor, or, for that matter, respect for the natural environment, for "if we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all".<sup>100</sup>

99. Saint John Paul II, Encyclical Letter Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (30 December 1987), 33: AAS 80 (1988), 557.  
100. Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (24 May 2015), 95: AAS 107 (2015), 885.



And now may God, who sees all things, who is Master of spirits and Lord of all flesh, and who chose the Lord Jesus Christ and us through him to be his very own people, grant to every soul which has received the invocation of his sublime and holy name, the gifts of faith, fear, peace, patient endurance, self-control, purity and moderation. May we thus be pleasing to his name through our high-priest, the champion of our race, Jesus Christ. For it is through this same Christ that all will receive glory and majesty, might and honour, both now and for all ages to come.

*Clement's First Letter to the Corinthians*



# PARISH COMMUNITIES OF

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence)			
Sat	1st	10am	St Wilfrid's— Church Open for Confessions & Prayers
Sun	2nd	9am	St George's — Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's — Repose of the Soul of Margaret Rose O'Brien
		3pm	St George's - Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon	3rd	2.30pm	St George's — Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues	4th	10am	St George's— Freddie Rebello RIP & Family
Wed	5th	10am	St Wilfrid's— Margaret Madams RIP
Maundy Thursday		7.30pm	St George's — Last Supper
Good Friday		10.30am	St Wilfrid's — Family Service with Stations of the Cross
		3pm	St George's - Passion of Our Lord
		3pm	St Wilfrid's - Passion of Our Lord
Easter Sunday			
Easter Vigil		8pm	St Wilfrid's— Parish Communities' Intention
Easter Sunday		9am	St George's — Family Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's — Parish Communities' Intention

Confession on request before and after Mass or at other times by arrangement with Father Rory.

Unable to attend mass? The 10.30am St Wilfrid's mass is livestreamed when possible and can be accessed via the Parish

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto:ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com), tel.841504  
or by hand marked NEWSLETTER, to Fr. Rory's House by 9am Wednesday.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: 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

### 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 VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**  
Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753  
Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504 or email at above address  
Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt(01323) 842824

#### IMPORTANT GIFT AID:

If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577, Email: [gpalmer2703@gmail.com](mailto:gpalmer2703@gmail.com). By signing up, the parish can benefit by claiming back from HMRC a further 25% on all your donations at no additional cost to you.

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM:** Volunteer needed contact Father Rory  
**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact:** Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuisen, Letty Booth, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt, Nellie Oakshott.

#### PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

**A WARM WELCOME:** to all who join us for Mass, especially to any visitors.

**New to the Parish/would like to get back in touch but not sure how?** Please complete the welcome form in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.

**Fr Rory Writes:**

**The Instruction “Do This in Remembrance of Me”  
Restoring reception of the precious blood from the Chalice.**

This is a very personal decision for each person. We are all very aware of the pandemic and the need to exercise caution and care. This remains an important part of our discernment. So it is right and must play its part in deciding our response.

The fact that we can receive the precious blood is of great value and should be cherished, even if it is our decision not to receive from the chalice at this time. It is an important part of The Last Supper when Jesus said “Do this in remembrance of me”. It was at the heart of the event that took place on the night he was betrayed when Jesus took bread and wine, blessed and broke it, so that hence forth it provides us with the divine nourishment that we receive. This helps us on our journey of life.

The introduction of the idea of it being a mortal sin if we do not receive is a grave mistake. Key to everything is the nourishment we receive. We are particularly aware that if we do not nourish our bodies we are at a loss. In the same way it is so important that we continue to nourish our spirits while we journey on to the fullness of life in God’s kingdom. Please God, we will restore ministry of the chalice on Wednesday, when we celebrate the mass of the Lord’s Supper. Deacon John has offered his service to carry out this ministry for this event.

*Fr Rory*

**Lenten Charity Update:** If you haven't contributed to our HCPT fundraising this is the last week to donate to this most worthwhile cause. It is lovely to see the porch cross beginning to bloom in St Wilfrid’s. Please continue to add your pound coins to the cross in the church window in exchange for the flowers. Don't forget to return your filled Smarties tubes to church before Easter Sunday. Coins or notes are most welcome.

**After Easter, at St George's,** we are going to start introducing a new sung Mass called Mass of the Son. It was written by a priest who used to be based at OLR. It is very congregation friendly and easily picked up. We will start to learn it on the first weekend after Easter that Marylou is with us. I hope you like it. If you have any favourite hymns or ones that mean something special to you or your family, let me know and if I can I will include it in our Sunday music liturgy. Shirley

**Easter 2023:** Whilst the children will be searching for eggs in their “Easter Egg Hunt” we grown ups will be having an “Easter Raffle” over tea and cake. A good time to meet with other people in our parish. Last week for your contributions to our Easter Egg Raffle in the hall after mass, of either Easter Eggs or money in pot please. Do support us and come in the hall after mass where the raffle will be drawn. Good luck!

**The South Down Singers - Coronation Concert** Saturday 29th April 2023 at 3.30pm at St George’s Church. Tickets £10 on the Door or Pre-Book by Telephoning 01323 832767. South Down Singers Support Local Charities.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Fri 7th April, 10.30am, Family Service/Stations, St W’s Church.  
Sun 16th April, After Mass, St W’s Parish Mtg, St W’s Church.  
Sun 16th April, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G’s Hall.  
Sat 22nd April, 6-9pm, Feast of St George, St W’s Hall.  
Thur 27th April, 2-4pm, Over 50’s Club, St W’s Hall.  
Fri 28th April, 11-12pm, Parish Bereavement Gp, St W’s Hall.  
Sun 30th April, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G’s Hall.  
Sun 30th April, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G’s Hall.  
Sun 14th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G’s Hall.  
Sun 28th May, 4-6pm, Confirmation Classes, St G’s Hall.

**Parish Over 50’s Club:** Our next afternoon tea will be Thursday 27th April, 2pm. The theme for this will be Red for St George. All the usual fun for £5 **Another date to think about** “The Bluebell Walk”. Suggested date Mon 24th April, charity for that day is “Demelza Hospice Care for Children”. Travelling by Cuckmere Bus, 10am departing from St Wilfrid’s car park, return around 3pm. Cost TBC. If interested please contact Joan 07873390944. Thank you.

**New Date for Diary:** Feast of St George, Patron Saint of England. Fish & Chip Supper plus all the usual fun. St Wilfrid’s Hall, Saturday 22nd April, 6-9pm. We will have to charge £8 pp due to the price of fish & chips going up, like all food. When paying please state your preference on the lists provided by Jean, vegetarians catered for. Tickets available from next week, keep your tickets for a ‘lucky number’ prize on the night. If you would like to help us please contact either Annette, Teresa, Gerry, Jean or Joan. Thank you.

**Fundraising Social Committee:** We are re-starting at St Wilfrid’s on Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm in St Wilfrid’s Hall. Please come along if you have any ideas for raising funds. Thank you.

**Easter Cards** are on sale at the back of St George’s Church.

**Parish Stations of the Cross** during lent at St George’s will be held on Sun 2nd April (Palm Sunday Stations includes Benediction and refreshments in hall). Also on **Good Friday 7th April** there will be a Family Service with Stations of the cross at St Wilfrid’s at 10.30am followed by refreshments and hot cross buns in the hall. All welcome.

**Sunday 19th March - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid’s 86

St George’s 79