

9TH APRIL 2023

EASTER SUNDAY (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

THE COLLECT

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
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 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23. Rv.24

**R) This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

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.' (R)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING

(an alternative may be read)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Cor 5:7-8
Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

(an alternative may be read)

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with the paschal gladness, O Lord,
we offer the sacrifice
by which your church
is wondrously reborn and nourished.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God,
with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries,
she may come to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

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DIVINE OFFICE: WEEK /PROPER

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



On various occasions Jesus had told his followers that he would die and rise from the dead, but they clearly did not believe it. We can see this from their reaction to the empty tomb: "Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must

rise from the dead." In a sense it is comforting to know that even those closest to Jesus, the ones specially chosen to follow him had trouble believing in that Jesus had risen from the dead. For we too, often find it difficult to believe the things that Jesus said. We tend to live a kind of hybrid existence, sometimes believing in Jesus, sometimes trying to find consolation or satisfaction in the things of this world. Easter is a great reminder to us that Jesus is truly risen and that he has overcome every difficulty, every doubt, every sin. Easter is also a

reminder that after the tragedy of the cross there is always the joy of the resurrection. Too often we find ourselves gazing into the empty tomb of hopelessness and despair rather than leaving the tomb behind and going to look for the risen Jesus. However, Jesus understands our tendency to doubt and to disbelieve and welcomes us back every time we realise our foolishness.



POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



RIGHTS WITHOUT BORDERS

123. Business activity is essentially "a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving our world".¹⁰¹ God encourages us to develop the talents he gave us, and he has made our universe one of immense potential. In God's plan, each individual is called to promote his or her own development,¹⁰² and this includes finding the best economic and technological means of multiplying goods and increasing wealth. Business abilities, which are a gift from God, should always be clearly directed to the development of others and to eliminating poverty, especially through the creation of diversified work opportunities. The right to private property is always accompanied by the primary and prior principle of the subordination of all private property to the universal destination of the earth's goods, and thus the right of all to their use.¹⁰³

¹⁰¹ Ibid., 129: AAS 107 (2015), 899.
¹⁰² Cf. Saint Paul VI, Encyclical Letter Populorum Progressio (26 March 1967): AAS 59 (1967), 265; Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate (29 June 2009), 16: AAS 101 (2009), 652.
¹⁰³ Cf. Encyclical Letter Laudato Si' (24 May 2015), 93: AAS 107 (2015), 884-885; Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 189-190: AAS 105 (2013), 1099-1100.



Promise Of Good Things
GOD'S MERCY



My brothers and sisters, when we think of Jesus Christ, we must think of him as God, as 'Judge of the living and the dead'. And we must not take our own salvation lightly. Our thinking lightly of him is a sure sign of our hoping little from him. And those who are listening and thinking to themselves 'All this matters very little' are sinning even now. And so are we, for that matter, if we have no idea from where we have been called, who called us, and to what place we are called, and if we have forgotten the terrible sufferings that Jesus Christ underwent for our sake. What then, shall we give him in return, or what shall we offer that is worthy of what he has given us? How great a debt of holiness we owe him! He gave us the light, he called us his 'child' as a father does, he saved us when we faced destruction.

Clement's Second Letter to the Corinthians



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Easter Sunday			
Easter Vigil	8pm	St Wilfrid's—	Parish Communities' Intention
Easter Sunday	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Peggy Larkin RIP
Mon 10th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 11th	10am	St George's—	Private Intention
Wed 12th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Jim Ayres RIP
Thurs 13th	10am	St George's —	Private Intention
Fri 14th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Private Intention
Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)			
Sat 15th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church Open for Prayers & Confessions
Sun 16th	9am	St George's —	In Thanksgiving
	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

Website or via the following: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_

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.

Local Catholic Education Contacts: St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977

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USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

St Wilfrid's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 832577
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Finance Committee Treasurers Monika Beaver
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Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753
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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. 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 Neyenhuizen, 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:

Rejoice in the Lord always
and again I say rejoice.

Once again a Happy Easter to all
Christ is Risen from the death.

He will turn our crosses
into Crowns



Safeguarding: A quick reminder that all children attending the liturgy group without a responsible adult must have a parental consent form completed for the group and also a consent for safe use of images form. These are available from myself, Annette, Teresa or Angie. All under fives must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We really love having so many children taking part in our groups but want to ensure they have a happy and safe experience. To this end we need some more people to be the extra pairs of eyes and ears to help keep the children safe. This doesn't need to be a commitment for every week but shared on a rota basis. Please let us know if you could help with this. Thank you, Maria (safeguarding rep).

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: Don't forget after Mass today, whilst the children will be looking everywhere for their eggs on their "Easter Egg Hunt" we will be in our hall anxiously awaiting to see if we are lucky to "win a prize". As we only had two donations, Teresa & Joan will be spending money on the many prizes. Unless more people buy raffle tickets we will be unable to contribute to the parish pot.

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:

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.
Sun 11th June, 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

Parish Outing to The Bluebell Walk: Mon 24th April, details and cost in next weeks newsletter. Charity for that day is "Demelza Hospice Care for Children". Also in June we hope to go to Headcorn Aerodrome, this will be on a Saturday, as this is when interesting displays etc. are arranged. More details to follow.

St Wilfrid's: We wish all our "hard workers" in the parish A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER from us all, especially all of you who helped make our over 50's afternoon such a special occasion (28 attended). Thank you all.

Date for Diary: Feast of St George, Patron Saint of England. Fish & Chip Supper plus all the usual fun. St Wilfrid's Hall, Sat 22nd April, 6-9pm. We will have to charge £8 pp due to the price of fish & chips going up. When paying please state your preference on the lists provided by Jean, vegetarians catered for. Tickets now available, 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.

Parish Trip to Emmaus: Despite the weather we all agreed we had a great day out. Our driver Nick looked after us all so well, lending a helping hand when needed. Tables were reserved in the café and the staff were most patient with us all. It was decided to have another trip to Emmaus in the summer when the weather is more settled. Please God, the sun will shine and we can enjoy the ex-convents beautiful gardens. Our next date will be Tue 9th May, usual time and of cost of £15. Please contact Joan 07873390944 if you are interested.

The Link Coffee Shop: It is with great sadness that Ron, Kay & Staff will be serving us for the last time this Easter Saturday morning. They have given great opportunities for the young people with learning difficulties and such a shame this will come to an end. We wish them both well in their retirement.

Sunday 2nd April - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 118 St George's 79