

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

Mt 21:9

PSALM GOSPEL

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

11: 1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem,
to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,
Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them,
‘Go into the village opposite you,
and immediately as you enter it
you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat;
untie it and bring it.
If any one says to you,
“Why are you doing this?” say,
“The Lord has need of it
and will send it back here immediately.”
And they went away,
and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street;
and they untied it.
And those who stood there said to them,
‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’
And they told them what Jesus had said;
and they let them go.
And they brought the colt to Jesus,
and threw their garments on it;
and he sat upon it.
And many spread their garments on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
which they had cut from the fields.
And those who went before
and those who followed cried out,
‘Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Hosanna in the highest!’

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

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

A reading from the prophet 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R.v2

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

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.’ **(R)**

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)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**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

Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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 26:42

**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.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today we relive the horror of Jesus’ prosecution, his carrying the cross and his excruciating death. The danger is that we are so familiar with these events that

they can wash over us and we lose the deep meaning of the final hours of Jesus. All of us have experienced failure of one sort or another in our lives. If our failure has led us to desperation, we can have a least an idea of what Jesus went through. The Son of God is born on earth with a mission to save us, to bring back the lost sheep to the Father, and he ends up being beaten and crucified. He has also been abandoned by the men he had chosen to follow him, including the one he had

designated as head of his Church. But the moment of his greatest suffering is when he cries out “My God, my God, why have you deserted me?” He, who always sought to the will of the Father feels abandoned by him. His life seems to have ended in total failure. We will see on Easter Sunday how that apparent failure is transformed into great joy.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INTERNATIONAL POWER

172. The twenty-first century “is witnessing a weakening of the power of nation states, chiefly because the economic and financial sectors, being transnational, tend to prevail over the political. Given this situation, it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions”.¹⁴⁹ When we talk about the possibility of some form of world authority regulated by law,¹⁵⁰ we need not necessarily think of a personal authority. Still, such an authority ought at least to promote more effective world organizations, equipped with the power to provide for the global common good, the elimination of hunger and poverty and the sure defence of fundamental human rights.

149. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si’* (24 May 2015), 175: AAS 107 (2015), 916-917.
150. Cf. BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter *Caritas in Veritate* (29 June 2009), 67: AAS 101 (2009), 700-701.

The Fire of Love* HOW RICHARD CAME TO THE FIRE OF LOVE (2)

Just over nine months later, I was enkindled by a sweet warmth and I heard the sound of song and eternal praise such as that known only in heaven, and which no one can hear unless separated from earthly things.

Sitting in the same chapel and reciting the night psalms before going in to supper, I heard above my head the joyful singing of psalmody. In prayer I was reaching out to God with heartfelt longing when I became aware of a symphony of song and heavenly harmony persisting in my mind.

Right then and there my thinking turned into melodious song and my meditation became a poem. My prayer and psalms then took up the same sound. What I had previously spoken became a song in my heart. It was wonderful to be caught up in such joy and given gifts like this purely from God’s grace and not my own merit.

Anyone who really loves the name of Jesus might hope to achieve this state. For this I give unending praise and thanks to God. He has given me comfort in sorrow and enables me to await in confidence the everlasting crown.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Collection for Holy Places on Friday)			
Sat 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun 24th	9am	St George's —	Barry Megan RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	3pm	St George's -	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Mon 25th	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group - All Welcome
Tues 26th	10am	St George's—	Mary Catherine Cooray RIP (2007)
Wed 27th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	For the sick & housebound, our parish communities
Maundy Thursday	7pm	St George's —	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Family Service with Stations of the Cross
	3pm	St George's -	Good Friday Liturgy
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Easter Sunday			
Easter Vigil	7pm	St Wilfrid's—	
Easter Sunday	9am	St George's —	Parish Communities' Intention
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Brian Winter RIP

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

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St George's Planned Giving Contact (01323) 487212

St George's & St. Wilfrid's

Finance Committee Treasurer Monika Beaver

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

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.

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

St George's: Kelly - 07967562110

St Wilfrid's: Maria - 07873759962

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM: Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

Churches Together in Polegate/Willingdon/Hampden Park/Hydneye Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Letty Booth, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Sue Nye, Gill Standen, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney and Peter Andrews.

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:

Looking forward to and preparing for Holy Week, actions speak louder than words.

Deacon John Writes:

Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday and I suggest a special activity for the last days of Lent - Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: Come to Stations of the Cross and Benediction today - St George's 3pm.

Monday: Determine one way that you will help the poor this week.

Tuesday: Spend the day offering positive compliments and thoughts.

Wednesday: What have you been putting off during Lent? Do it today.

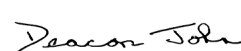
Thursday: Decide in what small way you will serve others.

Good Friday: Attend a Good Friday service.

Holy Saturday: Before sleeping tonight offer a prayer of gratitude for the gift of eternal life.

Easter Sunday: Do at least one act of kindness today.

Easter blessings in abundance to you all. Deacon John and Fr Rory.



Scripture Reading for Lent

The Lord says this: 'If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon. The Lord will always guide you, giving you relief in desert places. He will give strength to your bones and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never run dry. [Isaiah 58:9-11]

Parish Quiz Night Fri April 12th 7pm - Tickets now on sale. Get your teams ready for the second of our bi-annual quiz nights this time held at St Georges Hall. Teams of 6 with children under 12 not included in team numbers.

Good Friday Family Service: Our stations of the cross service at St Wilfrid's, 10.00am, will tell the story of Good Friday for families and young children. Following the service, hot cross buns & refreshments will be available in the hall. All welcome.

Race Night 26th April: Buy your tickets now for this fun event.

St George's Church - 7th to 30th March: Tea/Coffee after Mass every Tuesday during Lent. Join us in Lenten Mass and social time afterwards in St G's Hall

St George's: Easter Cards are on sale at the back of the Church.

Please support Lynne Phair's September Bike Ride from Eastbourne to Amsterdam in Aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. Lynne will be selling raffle tickets after Mass in St G's Hall on Sun 17 March & Sun 7 April. The prizes are: 1st prize Electric Bike, 2nd prize Food Hamper, 3rd prize A Wine Hamper. Tickets will be £2 each. Or donate to www.justgiving.com/page/lynne-phair-1690041574167 Thank you.

Dates for your Diary:

Sun 24th March, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's.

Sun 24th March, 3pm - Stations of the Cross, St G's Church.

Thur 28th March, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.

Thur 28th March, 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service, St G's.

Fri 29th March, 10am - Family Stations + Hot Cross Buns, St W's

Fri 29th March, 3pm - Good Friday Liturgy, St W's Church.

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Sat 30th March, 7pm - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, St W's Church

Sun 31st March, 9am - Easter Sunday Mass, St G's Church.

Sun 31st March, 10.30am - Easter Sunday Mass, St W's Church.

Fri 12th April, 7pm - Parish Quiz Night, St G's Hall.

Fri 26th April, 7pm - Race Night, St W's Hall.

Easter Collection: As I am sure many of you are aware, Catholic Priests do not receive a salary and rely on your generosity at Christmas and Easter as a thank you for all they do for us. It is also possible to claim gift aid on your donation if you are a UK taxpayer and that extra 25% will go directly to Father Rory. If you aren't part of a planned giving scheme then please use the "one off" gift aid envelopes located in the porch. You can also contribute via the digital collection plate at St Wilfrid's, QR Code or via the donations website link (<https://donate.mydona.com/st-wilfrids-church-hailsham>) using the "Easter Collections" tab.



St Patrick's Day Celebrations at St Wilfrid's: Fr Rory started us off with a special mass, mind you all Fr Rory's Masses are special. Teresa gave us a shortened version of St Patrick's life, the children did their bit as it was their turn to do the readings, we have some very good readers in the making, then it was over to the hall for a buffet picnic, beautiful cake, homemade by Lesley, Irish music was played, and we all joined in singing. Not many of us can get up to dance a jig now! But our legs and feet were doing so sitting down.

Next week will be Easter Sunday, so this week is the last date for bringing in empty or filled bags, box is in the porch to receive them please. After last years very successful table full of surprise bags, lets make this years even better! These will be on sale after Easter Sunday Mass in the hall, adult £2 & children £1, prize everytime. There will also be refreshments, a time to mingle and get to know your fellow parishioners and celebrate as Lent will be over.

Sunday 17th March - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's 108

St George's 78