

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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.

Gloria

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.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R.24
R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.
Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
‘His mercy endures for ever.’

R. The Lord’s right hand is exalted.
The Lord’s right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

R. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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!

Acclamamtion Before the Gospel 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a
Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:1-9
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

Homily
R. The Nicene Creed or The Apostles’ Creed

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.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION



The first thing that strikes us in this reading is that it is a woman, Mary of Magdala, who is the first to arrive at the tomb. She then runs to Peter and John to tell that the Lord has been taken from the tomb. The key phrase in this Gospel is that the

other disciple (John) went in and “he saw and he believed”. Finally, the penny has dropped. Despite Jesus having told them on various occasions that he would rise up on the third day, they only believed it when they came to the tomb and

found him gone. We, of course, have the advantage of being able to read about the Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospels, but even so, we need to keep reminding ourselves, particularly when we are overwhelmed by suffering, that the suffering is only a prelude, a preparation for resurrection. This happens when we are able to embrace suffering as a face of the Jesus on the cross and we then receive the light of the risen Jesus. Let us thank God for letting us participate in a divine adventure.



POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF PEACE
229. The Bishops of South Africa have pointed out that true reconciliation is achieved proactively, “by forming a new society, a society based on service to others, rather than the desire to dominate; a society based on sharing what one has with others, rather than the selfish scramble by each for as much wealth as possible; a society in which the value of being together as human beings is ultimately more important than any lesser group, whether it be family, nation, race or culture”.²¹³ As the Bishops of South Korea have pointed out, true peace “can be achieved only when we strive for justice through dialogue, pursuing reconciliation and mutual development”.²¹⁴

213. SOUTHERN AFRICAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE, Pastoral Letter on Christian Hope in the Current Crisis (May 1986).
214. CATHOLIC BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE OF KOREA, Appeal of the Catholic Church in Korea for Peace on the Korean Peninsula (15 August 2017).

Pope Francis’
Amoris Laetitia
LOVE IN THE FAMILY

It needs to be empha-sized that “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated”.⁴⁶ On the other hand, “the techno-logical revolution in the field of human procrea-tion has introduced the ability to manipulate the reproductive act, making it independent of the sexual relationship between a man and a wom-an. In this way, human life and parenthood have become modular and separable realities, subject mainly to the wishes of individuals or couples”.⁴⁷ It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and an- other to accept ideologies that attempt to sun-der what are inseparable aspects of reality. Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. At the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created.

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Easter Sunday (Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine)			
Holy Saturday	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
	8pm	St Wilfrid's -	Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday	9am	St George's —	Resurrection of the Lord
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	Resurrection of the Lord
Mon 21st	2.30pm	St George's —	
Tues 22nd	10am	St George's —	Thomas and Lali Paly Intention
Wed 23rd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Jack Flanagan
Thurs 24th	10am	St George's —	The Family of Margaret Rush Murphy RIP
Fri 25th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Michael Copper RIP

Second, 'Low', Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat 26th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Church Open for Confessions and Veneration
Sun 27th	9am	St George's —	Angela Menendez RIP

Burial of Ashes for Margaret Boots

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 hailsham@abdiocese.org.uk, 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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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 & those named in the books in our churches

Amy Jenkins, Lily May, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Lilian Summers, Sue Nye, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Chris Neyenhuizen, Laurey Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Nellie Oakshott, Jean Molloy, Alan Smith, Julie Martin, Holly Leone, Deborah Osbourne Walker, Gill Standen, Letty Booth, Thomas Pailey, Thomas Guy, Michael O'Regan, Richard Streeter, Patricia Delaney, Graham, Pamela Swanston, Jean & Chris Littlewood, Terry & Anne Oglethorpe, Jean Skelton, Jennifer, Peter Mitchell, Cecelia Hyland and Sheila Jury.

Warm Welcome! We're glad to have you at Mass, especially visitors.

New to the parish or looking to reconnect? Fill out a welcome form in the porch or speak to Fr. Rory - we'd love to meet you and help in any way!

Fr Rory Writes:

**The New Life of Easter, Christ is Risen from the Dead.
Provides new energy to continue our journey,
to help us to bear our witness to the power of Christ living in us.**

Through our participation in the Liturgy of Lent we have shared in the life of Christ. At Christmas we rejoiced a Saviour is Born, but now He has come to redeem us from a Kingdom of darkness. Yes, evil is a reality and it was to confront this that Jesus went out into the wilderness to fast and to pray.

Now in faithfulness to the Father, he entered the Temple, humbly riding on a donkey. The forces of darkness have had their hour. Now we with the whole church rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. We bring this news, because we are blessed, guided and directed through the Liturgy of the Mass to share this with everybody.

Yes, Christ now risen from the dead our faith will never be in vain.

Wishing you all a joyful Easter.



**OPEN DAY FOR THE EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
ON THE OCCASION OF THE CANONISATION OF ST CARLO ACUTIS (1991-2006)
FIRST SAINT BORN IN THIS MILLENNIUM**

Come and join us at our Open Day for this exciting Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles, designed and catalogued by our newly canonised St Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), the first canonised Saint to be born in this new millennium. St Carlo, a teenager when he died of cancer, was born in London of Italian parents. Starting with Adoration and Mass, there will then be **2 X Sessions** with a short presentation followed by plenty of time to discover, view and absorb the magnitude of the 23 Miracles that make up this special Exhibition. Each session will then end with a short time of prayer. Come and be amazed, to understand, appreciate and love the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss the chance to visit this wonderful Exhibition.

WHEN: Wednesday 30 April 2025 – 2 sessions: **11.30** (Adoration and Mass at 10.45) and **1.00**

WHERE: Our Lady of Ransom Church, Grange Road, Eastbourne.

Please indicate if you have a group, how many in the group, that you would like to bring with you. Please email: Caroline Rother – pastoral.eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk . We look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion

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 or via the QR code or donations website link (<https://donate.mydona.com/st-wilfrids-church-hailsham>) using the "Easter Collections" tab.



Margaret Nevill wishes to thank the Parishioners of St George and St Wilfrid for their Prayers and good wishes pre and post operation. She is making a good recovery.

Music Practice at St Wilfrid's: The next practice for our music group will be on Saturday 26th April from 10am to 11am in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. We are looking for more instrumentalists and singers, only enthusiasm needed. All ages welcome.

Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: Booking is now open, for more information go to thepilgrims.org.uk. The pilgrimage is going all around the diocese and is from 9th - 24th August 2025.

Community Charity Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be 27th April after mass at St George's - this month our charity is Cinnamon Trust, a national and local charity for older people, the terminally ill and their pets. We hope you, your family and friends can support this breakfast. All are welcome.

Womble Day at St Wilfrid's Postponed: Will now take place on Sunday 1st June.

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

Sunday 13th April - Mass Attendance:

St Wilfrid's	109	St George's	84
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The South Downs Singers Spring Concert is on Sat 26th April, 3.30 pm St George's Church. Tickets available from Anne or Shirley at £10. Tickets will be available on the door. A diverse programme of Mozart, Nella Fantasia plus easy listening show tunes.

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 24th April, 2-4pm - Parish Over 50's Club, St W's Hall.
Fri 25th April, 11-12pm - Parish Bereavement Group, St W's Hall.
Sun 27th April, 10am - Community Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.
Wed 30th April, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Wed 7th May, 6.30pm - Communion Day Practice, St W's Hall.
Sun 11th May, 10.30am - 1st Holy Com Service, St W's Church.
Wed 14th May, 7pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.
Sun 18th May, 1st Communion Breakfast, St W's Hall.