

## PARISH EUCHARIST

### Every Sunday at 10.00 am

This is our main weekly celebration and includes worship for young people. Everyone is welcome, families, including babes in arms, the young, the elderly, the married, the single—no-one should feel unwanted or uncomfortable. After the Eucharist there is a cup of coffee and a time to get to know one another.

Children are welcome and special at every Eucharist, and are encouraged to take part in our activities for young people. On the first Sunday of each month our whole community worships together with a more informal feel to our music, readings and activities. This is an especially good time to come and join in.

### ***EUCHARIST TIMES***

Sunday 10.00 am

Tuesday 7.00 pm

Wednesday 10.00 am (followed by coffee)

Friday 9.30 am

(See also weekly pewsheet)



### Who's Who at St. Wilfrid's

Priest in Charge	Fr. Mark Gilbert	783853
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### APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

As I write this, the sun is shining and the freezing cold feels like a distant memory. Spring is in the air and our gardens are beginning to show signs of colour again. This feeling of new life is what Easter is all about. The tragic story of Jesus' crucifixion, condemned by an unjust ruler and deserted by his friends, gives way to resurrection and hope. The Bible does not make Jesus into an all-action hero who conquers death by some supernatural power. Jesus died in agony, in darkness and alone. This was the world's verdict on a man who devoted his life to doing what is right and befriended the poor and the outcaste. But it was not God's verdict. The resurrection of Jesus is God's verdict that injustice and evil will not have the final word. God valued what humanity condemned to death.

This is the message of Easter. It is not simply that something miraculous happened 2000 years ago in a far distant land. It is that God gave us a sign that evil and injustice will one day be conquered, and we are urged to live in the light of that hope. It is not easy. Every day we hear how the economic situation worsens, how wars and disease claim many lives, and most of us will have friends who are suffering in some form or other. Only a grossly insensitive person could not be affected by such things. But they are not the whole story. For each human tragedy, there is someone who is motivated to act selflessly, to right wrongs and to bring comfort to the suffering. Whether it is the hospital or hospice worker, an aid agency in Africa or a peace-keeping mission, the human spirit resists defeat even when the odds seem stacked against it. The



hopeful message of Easter is that such efforts are not in vain because God has shown us that evil and injustice will not have the final word. This is what the churches will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

Steve Moyise

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th April**

Mass at 7.30 pm

**Maundy Thursday - 9th April**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30 pm

Followed by Watch of Prayer until 12 midnight - Night Prayer at 11.50

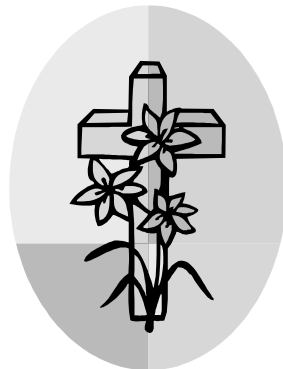
**Good Friday - 10th April**

The Liturgy of the Passion - 2.00 pm

**Easter Sunday - 12th April**

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter - 5.00 am

Easter Festival Mass - 10.00 am



## Break-fast Taizé

8.20 am (alternate Sundays)

St Wilfrid's & St Paul's, Chichester

A short, clear & prayerful celebration of the Eucharist,  
followed by a bacon buttie (veggie option too).

*Perfect for families*

19th April - St Paul's

3rd May - St Wilfrid's

17th May - St Paul's

31st May - St Wilfrid's

## PARKLANDS THURSDAY CLUB

For the Over 55's

**Meetings on Thursdays**

at

**St Wilfrid's Church Hall**

**2pm-4pm**

**Come along and meet us for an activity afternoon**

Ranging from quizzes to visiting entertainers and  
speakers on topical subjects.



Tea and biscuits provided

TRIPS OUT WHEN POSSIBLE



We look forward to your company