



Our Faith on Sunday

GOSPEL REFLECTION




Activism is one the most common problems in contemporary Western society. Activism considers 'doing' to be the most important thing in life. The more we do, the more we work, the more active we are, the more

value we have in the eyes of our culture. But, as we can see from today's Gospel, this is not what Jesus wants. He gives importance to 'being' rather than 'doing'. Martha is rushing around 'doing', while Mary is sits at the Lord's feet 'being'. When Mary complains that she is doing all the work, Jesus tells her that 'Mary has chosen the better part'. So, what are we to make of this. It is not a green light for us to be lazy, clearly we have to 'do' many things. But the danger is that we can be completely be taken over by doing things and become

immune to the voice of the Holy Spirit. As Christians we must find moments for prayer and reflection, for worship and praise, otherwise we soon lose the real purpose of our lives. Many of us lead very busy lives and say that we have no time to pray or meditate. But unless we choose 'the better part' our spiritual life will be completely suffocated.




POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL
FRATELLI TUTTI
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL




A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

85. For Christians, the words of Jesus have an even deeper meaning. They compel us to recognize Christ himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40.45). Faith has untold power to inspire and sustain our respect for others, for believers come to know that God loves every man and woman with infinite love and "thereby confers infinite dignity" upon all humanity.⁶¹ We likewise believe that Christ shed his blood for each of us and that no one is beyond the scope of his universal love. If we go to the ultimate source of that love which is the very life of the triune God, we encounter in the community of the three divine Persons the origin and perfect model of all life in society. Theology continues to be enriched by its reflection on this great truth.

62. SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World Gaudium et Spes, 24.



Our Father St Benedict* HOLY TRADITION



Every day Romanus lowers a basket on a rope down the side of the precipice to the cave, to bring Benedict his food.

"Father Romanus," says Benedict, "this bread seems to be a warm leaven that keeps fermenting within me."

"Yes, my son," says Romanus. "It is kneaded in the love of generations of men who have loved one another and handed this bread on to each other in holy Tradition."

"You are setting yourself to reap where you have not sown, but others, before you, have tired themselves out in this work."

"Handing on love makes a chain to which each of us adds his or her link. The more you come to understand Love, the more you will feel bound by this narrow bond, stronger than iron or steel."

"It is the bond of Christ, our Lord."

*This set of mini-reflections is taken from Our Father St Benedict, published by New City

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

Ps 53: 6, 8

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 book of Genesis

18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps. 14:2-5.R.v1

R) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R)**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R)**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Cf. Acts 16:14

**Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Ps 110: 4-5

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat 16th St Wilfrid's Church open in the morning

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	17th	9.00am	St George's -	Betty Elliott RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Brian Winter RIP
Mon	18th	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	19th	10.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Wed	20th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Jimmy Butler RIP
Thurs	21st	10.00am	St George's -	Christy Liffer RIP
Fri	22nd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	John & Willie O'Neill RIP
Sat	23rd		St Wilfrid's -	Church open in the morning

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	24th	9.00am	St George's -	Parish Communities' Intention
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Kenneth & Jean Compton RIP

Confessions on request at anytime or before and after Masses at St Wilfrid's and St George's Church

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext. 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know.

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

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

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 FOR THE ABOVE VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE

Polegate Hall Hire.....Tel: (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire Tel: (01323) 841504 - Mon, Wed, Fri Morning or email at above address

Prayer LineJean Barham-Wyatt Tel: (01323) 842824

CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM

POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Juliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Rosie Tuson, Dee Challis, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Colleen, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth, Sebastian Martin, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Richard Stimpson, Teresa Palmer and Jean Barham-Wyatt.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

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.

Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 9am-1pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

Special Moments

The power of God to redeem and to save all that is lost,
as in

"Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restore our lives, Lord Jesus live in us". Nourishment that comes from faith and from prayers is very much our way forward and not true obligation and duties.

I believe Bishop Richard was one of the priests who came to my aid while I was away for a welcome break. I am sure you welcomed them and left them leaving you on a very positive note. So please God, you as a body made up of many parts, and to all who contribute, I am so grateful.

When we find the right Instruments, they are often so helpful. The Synod, an awareness of a new generation and other factors may become key to our future in response to God's call. The centenary celebration is now high on our agenda, I am sure with all the work that you are doing may make it a memorable occasion for us and for our future.

Afternoon Tea for the over 50's: Unfortunately due to holidays our July tea is cancelled, so our next afternoon tea will be on 25th August 2022 at 2pm in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. All are welcome for tea and a chat.

St Wilfrid's Children's Liturgy: This Sunday (17th July) will be the last week for Children's Liturgy, we will then take a break for the summer and return in September.

Wanted: If anyone has any unwanted photo albums with pocket sleeves to use for the church photo's, we would be grateful to receive them here at St Wilfrid's. Thank you.

Retrouvaille: Retrouvaille helps married couples to build a loving relationship through a technique of heartfelt communication. Do you feel lost, alone or bored of your marriage? Have you stopped sharing how you feel with your spouse? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps married couples who are: struggling to communicate, struggling to stay together, cold and distant from each other, and separated or divorced, but want to try again. For more information email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com, +44 7887 296983.

St Wilfrid's Centenary Celebration: We are hoping to form a choir to support the congregation at the 11am Mass on the 13th August. We shall be singing hymns and parts of the New Celtic Mass. There will be two evening rehearsals on August 3rd and 10th to prepare for this. You do not have to be able to read music, just love to sing. Please contact Pat Gaglione or David Hoad at St Wilfrid's and Shirley at St George's for more information and any queries you may have. We welcome your support.

A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35) (rescheduled) Saturday 20 August at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston at 11am:

A day at the seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger! Fr Stephen, a Benedictine monk who is currently working in Parish Ministry is looking forward to celebrating Mass and then spending the day with the young adults of our Diocese. After Mass we will walk along the sea front to a beach side cafe where we will share lunch together. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

Special Centenary Mass - Saturday 13th August 2022

St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham at 11am

A Special Mass with Bishop Richard will be held at St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham to celebrate 100 years since first Mass was held. If you would like to join us in celebrating this special Mass please either book on-line on our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk or contact Jackie by email ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com or phone 841504. Thank you.

Funeral: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Lisa Marie McDonald on 29 June 2022, at the age of 54. A funeral mass will be held at Christ the King, Eastbourne, on Friday 22 July 2022 at 12 noon. All are welcome.

LINK for Online Masses & Recordings: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/online-masses-and-recordings/>

LINK for Funerals & Baptisms: <https://saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk/other-services/>

LINK Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#> =

Dates for your Diary

Fri 29th July, 11am - Bereavement Group, St Wilfrid's Hall.

Sat 13th August, 11am - Special Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate 100 years since first Mass at St Wilfrid's.

Sunday 10th July 2022

Second Collection (Apostleship of the Sea)

St George's Attendances: 65

St George's: £73.30

St Wilfrid's Attendances: 103

St Wilfrid's: £118.66

