



# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In Lister Park, Bradford, there is statue of Samuel Lister. Lister was an inventor and mill owner who made a fortune from the textile industry. His motto was “Tha is what tha ‘as” (You are

what you have). It is a motto which many of today’s billionaires appear to live by, but one which many ordinary folk, in dreaming of becoming wealthy, believe in, without knowing it. In the Gospel about Mary and Martha we see the importance of being rather than doing. Here we see the importance of ‘being’ rather than ‘having’. In this Gospel Jesus says: ‘a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even if he has more than he needs.’ And what are our needs? If we look seriously at our material needs, we will see that many of the things we own are

not really ‘needs’ at all. If we look at the increasing number genuinely needy people in our own society today, those on low incomes who have to make a choice between ‘eating’ and ‘heating’, we may well feel compelled to review our own expenditure on items that are more ‘wants’ than ‘needs’. If we do this, we will make ourselves ‘rich in the sight of God.’



31ST JULY 2022

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.**

Ps 69: 2, 6

### THE COLLECT

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 Ecclesiastes

1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17.R.v1

**R) O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-5. 9-11

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.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!**

Cf. Jn 17:17

### GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,  
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,  
make of us an eternal offering to you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Wis 16: 20

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,  
those you renew with these heavenly gifts  
and, in your never-failing care for them,  
make them worthy of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



### ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD

87. Human beings are so made that they cannot live, develop and find fulfilment except “in the sincere gift of self to others”.<sup>62</sup> Nor can they fully know themselves apart from an encounter with other persons: “I communicate effectively with myself only insofar as I communicate with others”.<sup>63</sup> No one can experience the true beauty of life without relating to others, without having real faces to love. This is part of the mystery of authentic human existence. “Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life when we claim to be self-sufficient and live as islands: in these attitudes, death prevails”.<sup>64</sup>

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

63. Gabriel Marcel, *Du refus à l’invocation*, ed. NRF, Paris, 1940, 50.

64. Angelus (10 November 2019): *L’Osservatore Romano*, 11-12 November 2019, 8.



**Our Father St Benedict\***  
**THE DESERT**



One blessed by God? No, a blessed down-and-out! Benedict has begun to discover what he is not.

The closer we come to Truth the more false we see we are. Benedict, faced with his own defects without any excuses, has to bear with himself with great patience, day after day.

Emptiness!

All the good in him comes from God. Only the bad is his own. From the depths of his sins, recognising the evil in his heart, Benedict is completely crushed, weighed down, humiliated. He utterly despises himself.

Night!

Unworthy to raise his eyes to God since he is a sinner.

Insanity!

A worm thrown in the dust, a lamb led to the slaughter, a donkey before his master.

Is Benedict now in despair of God’s infinite mercy? No.

The emptiness is full of all his longings, his desires, all his spiritual anguish.

The night is spent in the certainty of being strong in him who can do all things, of emerging the conqueror in him who loves him.

And sanity indeed, with an understanding which can only be the fruit of the Spirit.

On his own, a blessed down-and-out. God-with-him! A blessed man, a man favoured by God, a man whom grace has filled.

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## ST WILFRID

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	30th		St Wilfrid's	Church open for Prayer & Confessions
<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>				
<b>(Collection for refreshments after the Centenary Mass on 13th August Today)</b>				
Sun	31st	9.00am	St George's -	Ken Williams RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret Westcar RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Mon	1st	2.30pm	St George's -	Rosary Group
Tue	2nd	10.00am	St George's -	Paul Bree RIP
Wed	3rd	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Michael & Mary Coppers Intention
Thurs	4th	10.00am	St George's -	Mrs Mary O'Donoghue's Intention
Fri	5th	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Sat	6th		St Wilfrid's -	Church open for Prayers & Confessions
<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>				
Sun	7th	9.00am	St George's -	Tim Piegrome RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

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 Line .....Jean 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:

### Treasured Memories

In our preparations to celebrate the Centenary of the celebration of the first mass to be offered in church here in Hailsham, a memorial stone for those who have gone before us is help to our remembrance. Many stand out for their contribution to our story, including Dorothy Blake. For me, June Bell stands out, as her husband, John, (still alive) has just celebrated (his centenary) 100th Birthday. No more years driving his car; but just before the pandemic he was comfortable driving, with his doctors permission. They have been particularly generous to us in their support.

Now we need a new generation and this has given us a great focus. The leaders of our young persons liturgy are one of my joys and great hope. So far, so good, the work that they do is so vital, inspiring and our best reason for hope. They are laying out the foundations for the necessary building that has to be done if we are to have our churches here for our community. There is a growing great bond between our churches here and the one at St George's in Polegate. Preparation for the Synod and developing relations are an essential factor for the future and their help with the celebration is an important factor.

We will continue to respond to the preparation for the Synod. Recently I was given an inspiration from Teresa Palmer. She brought to my attention the renew process which was adopted by the Diocese. Their focus which I have been referring to is a seed, an acorn which when it grows becomes a great oak tree. I have just received a photo of the Oak Tree that is now outside St Paul's Church in Haywards Heath when we were there responding to the diocesan decision to adopt the renew process. I often wonder where all the other oak trees are up and down the diocese. To be continued .....



**Parish Meeting:** Our next open Parish Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Mass at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 31st July.

### Special Centenary Mass - Saturday 13th August 2022

**St Wilfrid's Church, Hailsham at 11am**

Everyone is invited to this Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard to mark the First Mass in the First St Wilfrid's Church on 14th August 1922. However, please put your name on the list in the church (or ring the parish office 841504), if you would like to stay for refreshments afterwards, to help with the catering. Thank you.

**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 at 7.30pm 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.

**SEEKING A PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT :** The Parish of Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory and St Agnes (Eastbourne) is seeking to employ a Pastoral Assistant to begin in post in early September. This role will be 8 hours per week (£11ph). The role will be to support the parish in the development of pastoral and sacramental programmes, to oversee the coordination and resourcing of catechists and all those in the many lay ministries in the parish. If you would like further details or wish to apply for this role please contact Fr Kevin Dring (Parish Priest) by email via the Parish Office: [eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastbourneolor@abdiocese.org.uk) The closing date for applications is 9am on Friday 5th August.

### FOODBANK HELP WITH EVENING SUPERMARKET COLLECTIONS

Would you be able to help collect end of day food 'waste' from Hailsham Tesco and/or Waitrose? It's currently on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at around 8.15/8.30pm. There is no expectation of commitment - you can just sign up to slots you are able to do. It usually takes between 30-45 minutes. If you are able to help or want more details please email [operations@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:operations@hailsham.foodbank.org.uk).

**The Relics of St Bernadette** will be journeying to the UK for the first time this Autumn visiting 51 venues across England, Scotland and Wales. The sacred Relics will visit our Diocese and the Knights of St Columba are arranging a coach to visit Worth Abbey on Monday 24 October. No times or costs are yet available but if you are interested in reserving a place on the coach please advise Bob on 01323 847014.

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

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

**Thurs 25th August, 2pm** - Afternoon Tea for the over 50's, St Wilfrid's Hall.

**Fri 26th August, 11am** - Bereavement Group, St Wilfrid's Hall.

**Sunday 24th July 2022**

(Second Collection - Centenary Mass Refreshments)

St George's Attendances: 65

St Wilfrid's Attendances: 85

St George's £58.00

