



# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



The story of Zacchaeus is but one of many examples of Jesus associating with the least and the most despised in society. Zacchaeus, being a senior tax

collector, would have been one of those most despised by the Jews. Tax collectors we hated on two accounts: they were working for the Romans, and they became wealthy by keeping a proportion of the taxes they collected for themselves. But what the Jews did not realise was that Jesus had come for the sick (i.e. sinners) and not for the healthy (or those who thought they were good people). On seeing Jesus, Zacchaeus is immediately converted from his old way of life. The people who witnessed this scene were too blind to see what had happened

and were shocked that Jesus was going to “stay at a sinner’s house’. We can all make the mistake that the people in this episode make – judging people and considering them beneath us. We must ask Jesus for the gift to see people as he sees them, otherwise we run the risk of condemning ourselves.



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



### INADEQUATE UNDERSTANDINGS OF UNIVERSAL LOVE

100. I am certainly not proposing an authoritarian and abstract universalism, devised or planned by a small group and presented as an ideal for the sake of levelling, dominating and plundering. One model of globalization in fact “consciously aims at a one-dimensional uniformity and seeks to eliminate all differences and traditions in a superficial quest for unity... If a certain kind of globalization claims to make everyone uniform, to level everyone out, that globalization destroys the rich gifts and uniqueness of each person and each people”.<sup>78</sup> This false universalism ends up depriving the world of its various colours, its beauty and, ultimately, its humanity. For “the future is not monochrome; if we are courageous, we can contemplate it in all the variety and diversity of what each individual person has to offer. How much our human family needs to learn to live together in harmony and peace, without all of us having to be the same!”<sup>79</sup>

78. Address to the Meeting for Religious Liberty with the Hispanic Community and Immigrant Groups, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America (26 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1050-1051.

79. Address to Young People, Tokyo, Japan (25 November 2019): L’Osservatore Romano, 25-26 November 2019, 10.



**Our Father St Benedict\***  
HUMILITY OF SPIRIT



So we must be of humble mind, dear brothers and sisters, and shed anything that smacks of arrogance, conceit, stupidity or rage. We must practise what is written, for the Holy Spirit says: ‘Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches, but if anyone would boast, let his boast be in the Lord, as he seeks him out and performs acts of justice and righteousness’.

We should bear in mind especially the words of the Lord Jesus, which he spoke when he was teaching gentleness and patient endurance. This was his message: ‘Be merciful and you will obtain mercy. Forgive and you will be forgiven. As you do to others, so it will be done to you. As you give, so will you be given to. As you judge, so will you be judged. As you are kind, so will kindness be shown to you. The measure you give will be the measure you get’.

With this commandment and these directives to guide us, let us resolve to walk in obedience to his sacred words and in humility of spirit. For, as the divine Word reminds us: ‘On whom shall I look, but on the meek, the quiet, the one who trembles at my word?’

*Clement’s First Letter to the Corinthians*

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



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## ST WILFRID

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### WEEKLY SERVICES

#### 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Collection Next Sunday for Retired Priests')

Sat 29th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 30th	9am	St George's —	Tony & Margaret Rogers RIP
	10.30am	St Wilfrid's —	In Thanksgiving
Mon 31st	2.30pm	St George's —	Rosary Group —All welcome
Tues 1st	10am	St Wilfrid's—	<b>All Saints</b> - Parish Communities' Intention
Tues 1st	12pm	St George's —	<b>All Saints</b> - Requiem Mass for Margaret Piegrome
Wed 2nd	10am	St Wilfrid's —	<b>Holy Souls</b>
	12pm	St George's—	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Thur 3rd	10am	St George's —	Andrew Weeks RIP
Fri 4th	10am	St Wilfrid's —	Holy Souls' Intention

#### 32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Collection Today for Retired Priests')

Sat 5th	10am	St Wilfrid's—	Church open for prayers and confessions
Sun 6th	9am	St George's —	Deceased Members of the Forte Family
	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#\\_=\\_](https://m.facebook.com/gary.westcar#_=_)

**Newsletter items:** Please send to Jackie at [ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com](mailto: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

St Thomas a Becket Primary School: Tel 01323 737221 St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

### 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 VIA THE PRIEST'S HOUSE PLEASE**

Polegate Hall Hire (01323) 504753

Hailsham Hall Hire: (01323) 841504 or email at above address

Prayer Line Jean Barham-Wyatt (01323) 842824

#### IMPORTANT GIFT AID:

If any parishioner wishes to join the scheme please contact - Gerry on 01323 832577. 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.

**CROSSLINK CHURCHES TOGETHER, HAILSHAM:** Volunteer needed contact Father Rory

**POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER Contact:** Anne Bowe Tel: 07808 175455

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell

Lily May, Julliette 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, Michael Copper, Peter Standen, Laurey & Richard Stimpson, Nicole McCutchan, Jean Barham-Wyatt.

#### 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:**

**“Gone before us, marked with the sign of faith”**

The time gives way from October the month of the Rosary; to November when we remember the Holy Souls. Each year this has been a source of graces strengthening our faith. It offers a fresh source from which we can renew and strengthen our faith. My dad who suffered a great amount of constant pain, had great devotion to the Stations of the Cross. Always for Lent and Easter, but also through the year, especially during the month of November when devotions allied to indulgencies are great incentives to the admonition “pray constantly and never loose heart”.

The temptation to loose heart at this time is very real. I have been greatly helped by the endeavours of our two communities to try to renew and build up our parish after the pandemic. Those who have gone before us still play a real part. We have two funerals at this time for those who have died, Margaret and Sue have really strengthened and enriched my faith and they have left a tangible legacy. When caring for them I felt a sense of real tragedy of death giving way to the bright promise of eternal life. The gift of life is now real to them and they were well prepared for eternal life, yes we walk through this valley of darkness and at this time it is very real. With so many persons like Margaret and Sue gone before us, let us lift up our hearts and continue on our journey with great hope.

*Fr Rory*

**Blessing of the Graves:** Deacon John will bless the graves at Willingdon Cemetery at 10am on Wednesday November 2nd. Fr Rory will bless the memorial garden graves after the 12noon mass at St George's.

**St George's Monthly Charity Breakfast** - we will hold our newly introduced last Sunday charity breakfast **Today, 30th Oct** after mass. It is open to all parishioners and their friends/family/ neighbours. Those joining don't have to have been at mass it's open to all from 10am. This month the nominated charity is Royal British Legion and we will be cooking up Sausage/Bacon Baps and lighter snacks for those less hungry. (Helpers needed please volunteer if you can for this or a future breakfast).

**Preparing for Advent Family Workshop:** Saturday, Nov 19th, 3.30pm - 5.30pm, St Wilfrid's Hall. This is an opportunity for families to come together and have fun, be creative together and prepare for Advent. There will be variety of Christmas related activities, relevant to all ages, followed by a short time for worship and shared meal. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult, Please register your interest at the back of church and collect a tear off slip for your small contribution to bring to the shared meal.

**Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust)** invites you to join them at a JustPeople Workshop taking place at St. Pancras Catholic Church, Lewes, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 11am - 5pm. Free to attend, it offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. Register here: [JustPeople Workshop | Prison Advice and Care Trust](#) For more information, contact Marie on [marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk) or call 07581 194907

**St George's** — Can you help with Tea and Coffee after mass one Sunday a month? Speak to Sandra.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Sun 30th Oct, 10am - Charity Breakfast, St G's Hall.  
Tue 1st Nov, 5.30pm - 1st Communion Lesson, St W's Hall.  
Sun 6th Nov, 11.30am - St W's Parish Mtg - All Welcome.  
Sun 13th Nov, 3pm - Annual Bereavement Mass, St W's Church  
Sat 19th Nov, 3.30pm - Advent Workshop, St W's Hall.  
Thurs 24th Nov, 2pm - Over 50's Afternoon Tea, St W's Hall.  
Fri 25th Nov, Parish Bereavement Group St W's Hall.

**Las Posadas - A Journey towards Christmas:** Mary, Joseph and the donkey are desperately looking for overnight lodgings in the Hailsham and Polegate areas throughout Advent. Can you offer them a room for the night? For more details please take a leaflet from the church porch and fill in your details on the sign up sheet.

**ST THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

is hosting its annual family friendly fireworks event on Friday 4th November from 5.15pm. Tickets are available from [www.ptaevents.co.uk/stab](http://www.ptaevents.co.uk/stab)

**The over 50's Club:**

We have decided to venture out, our very first trip is a coach from St George's and St Wilfrid's to the very pretty village of Headcorn in Kent. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, £12 pp, first pick up St George's, 9am, then onto St Wilfrid's, 9.30am where the hall will be open for a toilet call before we board the coach. Then on to Headcorn where we are booked in for tea/coffee, 10.30am. Please don't be tempted to purchase a large slice of homemade cake because we are booked in for lunch at the Village Tea Room, 12noon. Homemade food at very reasonable prices. When you book your seat on the coach, I will be asking for £12 pp and give you a menu to choose your meal and hand back to me please, as they need to have our orders at least one week beforehand. We will probably take about 2 hours, they have a “Secret Garden” – plenty of room for us all. The main high street through the village has plenty of different shops you can browse and buy? There are no hills its all on the flat, okay for chairs and wheelers. Leaving about 3pm. Back to St Wilfrid's and St George's between 4 – 4.30pm. Any queries please contact Joan 07873390944. You are invited to bring a friend if you wish.

**Sunday 23rd Oct - Mass Attendance:**

St Wilfrid's 92

St George's 83