

## Reflection Saturday Week1 – 2022

Appearances! Appearances! Because Jesus ate with Tax-collectors and sinners he was adjudged to be one of them; even though he probably felt more at home with them than with the Scribes and Pharisees!!

A story teller said, *“You must become more aware of how you see, not just what you see.”* There was a young-man (24) looking out of a train’s window shouting, *“Dad, look the trees are moving backwards!”*. Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24-year old’s childish behaviour with pity. Suddenly he again exclaimed. *“Dad, look the clouds are running with us!”* The couple couldn’t resist and said to the old man. *“Why don’t you take your son to a good doctor?”* The old man smiled and said, *“I did. We are just coming back from the hospital. My son was blind from birth, today is the first time he has been able to see!”*

Yesterday, the first reading declared that the people of Israel had rejected God in favour of a king. Today in the same book we read that God chose and anointed Saul as king of Israel. These two passages were written by different authors who saw and understood kingship very differently.

In baptism we are anointed priest, prophet and king because we, too, are chosen and anointed by God in order to fulfil our mission and be people who eat, live, think and act good news, like Jesus. Because God does not go by appearances, he never gives up on us even when we fail in our mission, however badly. We are his chosen people and we have another year to fulfil our mission in a way that brings dignity, honour and respect not just to the name of Christian but to everyone - and not just in appearance!!