

- 1 April 29th 1933 saw the first football match in which players wore numbered shirts. Everton wore numbers 1 (the goalie) to 11, and Manchester City wore the numbers 12 to 22 (their goalie).
- 2 As we know, the shirts of most professionals now bear their name as well as their number.
- 3 Calling people by their names is considered to be a sign of respect and of wanting to relate to them. In some countries, prisoners are never called by their names, but always by a number. When asked who they are, the prisoners must state only their number. It is a way of “de-humanising” people, and taking their “individuality” away from them.
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord Jesus,
when you met Zacchaeus,
the tax collector
whom everyone hated,
you looked at him
and called him by his name.**

**In doing that,
you gave him back his dignity,
and he changed his life around.**

**He was able to see himself
in a better way,
and so he gave back to others
the money he had cheated
from them.**

**Lead us to show respect
for each person as an individual,
treating others in the same way
that we would like to be treated.**

Amen.

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to research this topic further.

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