

# NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection

It's frustrating, but we all have limitations, and those limitations stop us from achieving. Finding time is probably one of our biggest limitations. By the time we've done all the things we have got to get done in any given day, there's very little time left to do anything new, let alone trying to save the world. We're limited by lack of knowledge, lack of wisdom, and lack of ability. There are things we'd like to do and like to achieve, but there's so much we need to know, learn, and develop before we can even begin. So what do we do when we come up against limitations? Perhaps some of us put our ideas on a back burner. We kid ourselves that we are going to get things done but we never do. Many of us probably just give up, or worse still, bury our heads in the sand. We become ostriches.

In today's gospel the disciples are behaving a little like ostriches. They know what they should be doing, but they are hiding away for fear of the Jews. They are hiding from the Jews but they are also hiding from their own destiny. They have come up against their limitations and they are crippled inside. Then Jesus comes amongst them. He comes to give them an inner peace and an inner strength. He comes to breathe the Holy Spirit into them and all at once they are able to transcend the fear that had kept them trembling behind locked doors.



People are always telling us to know our limitations. As Christians we know our limitations, but we also know that we have the Holy Spirit to help us transcend the seemingly impossible. Saint Paul tells us the Spirit is working in all sorts of ways in different people. To find the Spirit within us, we need to look at our own strengths and gifts. Have we found ourselves strong in situations where we didn't expect to feel strength? How do we find that strength again when it really matters? Make it a daily mantra. Ask the Holy Spirit for help, guidance and the ability to find our inner strength.

**St Joseph's RC Church**  
**Woodford Lane**  
**Winsford**  
**CW7 2JS**



Parish Priest- Fr Simon O'Connor  
 Tel: 01606 543877  
 Website; [www.stjosephs-winsford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs-winsford.org.uk)  
 email: [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)  
 General Queries – contact Derek Pearce  
 Tel: 01606 889048  
 email: [pearcederek36@talktalk.net](mailto:pearcederek36@talktalk.net)  
 Diocese of Shrewsbury Registered Charity No 234025

"United in conviction and united  
 in love, with a common purpose  
 and a common mind"  
 Philipians 2:2

4th JUNE 2017 PENTECOST (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 3rd June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Payne RIP
Sunday 4th June	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Special Intention Rimmer family
Monday 5th June	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass – James Forsey RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 6th June	9:30am	Mass – Peter Norris RIP
Wednesday 7th June	Noon	Mass – Robert Deighton RIP
Thursday 8th June		No Service (Polling Station)
Friday 9th June		No Service
Saturday 10th June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Payne RIP
Sunday 11th June	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Special Intention – Rimmer Family

Please note- Mass times are subject to change and, whilst every effort will be made, intention dates cannot be guaranteed. We do currently have a large backlog of Intentions, rest assured your requested Masses will be said as soon as possible.

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mr A Montgomery

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH**

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

**CRAFT GROUP:** This month’s meeting will take place NEXT week on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Our next coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am. Come along and enjoy Bingo, Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall.

**CHURCH CLEANING:**  
Our small team of ladies would appreciate some help with the weekly church cleaning. Men and Women who could spare a couple of hours on a Thursday morning (after the Mass/Service) would be more than welcome. Just come along and give a hand.

**WINGS** – Thanks to those who keep bringing in their unwanted Euros and Dollars. If you have any left over from your holidays please put them into the Bottle in the Porch. But please – only Euros & Dollars!

**40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Helpers are needed to run the various Stalls. A list will be put up in the porch next weekend – please add your names to say how you can help.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Derek on- 01606 889048

**Prayer for our Parish:**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

.....  
St Joseph pray for us

**Gospel Reading** John 20 19-23

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side.



The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”  
St Francis of Assisi

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning..

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

**PRIZE BINGO:** Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee available - Raffle. £1 Admission . We would appreciate Prizes for the Bingo and Raffle – please leave them in the sacristy.

Tony Montgomery completed this year's **Manchester 10K** last Sunday to raise money for **St. Luke's Hospice**. If you have not already handed in your sponsorship money – or if you would like to support Tony’s efforts to support St Lukes - please place your money in an envelope marked “10K” adding your name and place it into the Offertory Bags. There are envelopes available in the outside porch.