

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

We notice a big change of life for the disciples – they leave the past to follow the Lord. Leaving behind their old jobs and roles, but also what might block them from living fully.

For this they need to believe in themselves. We pick up messages about ourselves from significant people and we may have to let the messages go. A child whose parents separate often feels unloved and they need the care and love that shows them they are ok. Every addicted person has deep down a sense of not being loved. Every child coming into the world deserves to know that he or she is loved.

In religion as well we need to touch into the love and the call of God. We need to let go of a religion of guilt, and of feeling separate from God for things that were often minor or not meant. We believe that the first gift of our faith is the love of God...the humble God who became one of us in love.

Look at the disciples now – letting go of nets. But they had something new. Each of us week by week can get this new thing here – the best thing going for us is in this church – the love of God. Everything else flows from that. We meet not to make ourselves loved by God but because God loves us.



To know the love of God – is a huge gift, and to know the love and acceptance of another or a few others in life is also a huge gift. Both are one. Love divine, all love excelling – in every love and friendship we have.

PARISH REGISTER: Would you please help us to update the Parish Register. Please complete the form and put it into the Box in the porch. Even if you have completed a form in the past it would be helpful if you could do it again. Many thanks for your cooperation.

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.

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“United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind”
 Philippians 2:2

22nd JANUARY 2017
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)
MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 21st January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Family of Nancy Macey
Sunday 22nd January	9;30am 11:00am	People of the Parish The Grue Family
Monday 23rd January	10:00am 7:30pm	Requiem Mass – George Mannix Scripture Group
Tuesday 24th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 25th January		No Service
Thursday 26th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 27th January		No Service
Saturday 28th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 29th January	9;30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Joe and Joyce Davies

Please note- Mass times are subject to change and, whilst every effort will be made, intention dates cannot be guaranteed

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.

BINGO NIGHT In aid of Cheshire Autism Practical Support and the Carers Trust. Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday 24th February. We would appreciate donations of Prizes for this event.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs J Davies

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

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Mrs E Duffy.

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.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY 2017. SATURDAY 22 APRIL

FOREST CAMP ACTIVITY CENTRE, SANDIWAY.

Children must be 6 or over to attend. Activities include climbing
wall, low rope course, cave bus and more.

See Mike Colgan after 9.30am and 11am masses on Sunday
or contact Mike on 01606 550892.

Cost depends on numbers attending.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

If you have put your name down for this Pilgrimage can you
please pick up your letter from the porch.

Retired Priests Fund Collection

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection. £559.93
was donated. A wonderful response – much appreciated

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function,
please contact the booking line - 01606 41765

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.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Matthew 4 12-23

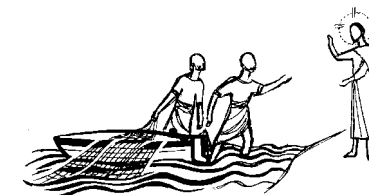
When Jesus got word that John had been arrested, he returned
to Galilee. He moved from his hometown, Nazareth, to the
lakeside village Capernaum, nestled at the base of the Zebulun
and Naphtali hills. This move completed Isaiah's sermon:



*Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee,
crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge
light; Sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up.*

This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started
preaching. He picked up where John left off: "Change your life. God's kingdom is
here."

Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee,
Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later
called Peter) and Andrew. They were
fishing, throwing their nets into the lake.



It was their regular work. Jesus said to
them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you
how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask
questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.

A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James
and John, Zebedee's sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father,
Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they
were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father.

From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and
taught people the truth of God. God's kingdom was his theme—that beginning
right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also
healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives. Word got
around the entire Roman province of Syria. People brought anybody with an
ailment, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all.
More and more people came, the momentum gathering. Besides those from
Galilee, crowds came from the "Ten Towns" across the lake, others up from
Jerusalem and Judea, still others from across the Jordan.

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