

Gospel Reflection

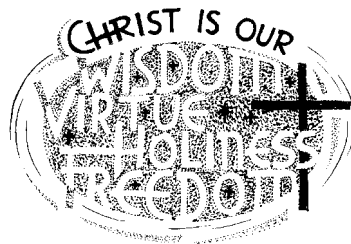
This account would be more accurately named "The Sermon on the Plain," since he has Jesus deliver it standing "on a level place."

The Gospel writer wants to preserve the mountain as a place of retreat to experience prayer, vision, and guidance. The Sermon follows a series of healings by Jesus. By contrast, while Matthew states that Jesus has performed many healings, the Sermon on the Mount is the first act of Jesus' public ministry that Matthew describes in detail. For Matthew, teaching is primary in Jesus' overall ministry.

Matthew wants his readers to view the Sermon on the Mount as a definitive interpretation of the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible) that Moses received on Mount Sinai. Jesus does not cancel the Mosaic Law by substituting a new legal code. For Matthew, Jesus fulfills Torah by providing its proper interpretation.

The Sermon on the Mount is not the historic record of a great speech, nor is it a series of philosophical abstractions. It is a code of behavior for shaping a community of faith in ways that call conventional wisdom into question, subvert the status quo, and intend eventually to re-shape it. The goal is not social disorder but the eventual formation of a new community.

It will not be a community of fans, but of friends and disciples.



BINGO NIGHT FOR THE AUSTISM SOCIETY

Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday 24th February. We would appreciate Prizes for this event. Tickets are on sale.

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.

NEWSLETTER

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

29th JANUARY 2017 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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
Monday 30th January	9:30am	Mass - Sheila Body RIP Anniversary
Tuesday 31st January	9:30am	Mass – Doran O'Hare (Baby)
Wednesday 1st February	Noon	Mass - Bridget Walsh
Thursday 2nd February	9:30am	Mass – Doris Morris
Friday 3rd February		No Service
Saturday 4th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Isobel & Stan Lyle RIP
Sunday 5th February	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Jim, Elizabeth, Martin, Una & Michael (Anniversaries)
Monday 6th February	7:30pm	Scripture Group

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.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mr T Laffey

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Forms are available in the porch.

Alan Isherwood. Many of you will remember Alan and Norah who moved to Blackburn a few years ago. Sadly, Alan has recently died.

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday 8th February.

There will be a coffee morning in the Parish Centre on 8th Feb at 10.30 am. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall. Please come along and support this as the proceeds are for Church Funds.

CRAFT GROUP Meets on Tuesday 7th February from 1:30pm to 3:15pm. Please see the poster in the porch.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY 2017. SATURDAY 22nd 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.

PARISH REGISTER: Would you please help us to update the Parish Register. Just pick up and complete a 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.

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 5 1-12

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

"Not only that - count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens - give a cheer, even! - for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi