

Gospel Reflection

Even as school children, we learn that the word 'salary' comes from the theory that the pay Roman soldiers received had a link with the price of salt in the area they served. It would be interesting to see what the exchange rate would have been in this parish!

Particularly in the desert countries; salt is not just a 'spice' it is necessary for life - just as necessary as water. With hundreds of uses, many around purification, cleansing and prolonging life. Salt is even acknowledged as being spiritually cleansing and giving protection against the 'dark'.



There is connection, something very human about salt - the saltiness of tears and sweat - salt flavours our emotions, our life's journey. Jesus calls us salt; salt of the earth- salt for the earth. We are that precious commodity that God has given the rest of the world. We may be individuals or small communities but Jesus believes that that is enough; enough to make a difference whether through the tears of our compassion or the sweat of our desire to be the change.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: URGENT

Please complete and return your completed form ASAP

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH FILM NIGHT

MONDAY 13TH MARCH 7:30 pm

We will be showing the much acclaimed film "RISEN". We need to know if there are sufficient numbers wishing to watch it to see if it is viable. Please add your name(s) to the list on the porch.

NEWSLETTER

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

5th FEBRUARY 2017 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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	7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass – Sheila Body RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 7th February	9:30am 1:30pm	Mass - Doran O'Hare (Baby) Craft Group
Wednesday 8th February	10:30am Noon	Coffee Morning Mass - Bridget Walsh
Thursday 9th February	9:30am	Mass – Helen Body RIP
Friday 10th February		No Service
Saturday 11th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP
Sunday 12th February	9:30am 11:00am	Peggy Wright People of the Parish

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

As Fr Simon has been on holiday – and unwell since his return – there may be some delay in celebrating the Mass Intentions that have already been handed in.

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 C McTasney

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.

The funeral of Alan Isherwood will be on Tuesday 7th Feb.
If anyone would like to go there are 4 seats available on the mini bus. Please ring Pat McQuillan on 590225

PARISH REGISTER: Would you please help us to update the Parish Register. Please 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.

MISSION APPEAL - Each year the Bishop asks all parishes to have a Mission Appeal for one of the members of the Sisters' Mission Committee for England & Wales.
This will take place next weekend and we will be welcoming one of the sisters of the MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER who will tell us about the work of her Order.

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.

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.

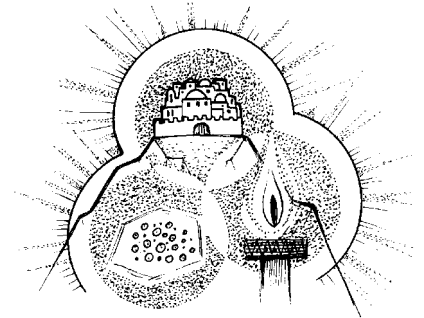
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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Matthew 5 13 -16

Jesus said: You are like salt for everyone on earth.
But if salt no longer tastes like salt, how can it make food salty? All it is good for is to be thrown out and walked on.



You are like a light for the whole world.
A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lamp stand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.



“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand - shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

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 it - as it is for Church Funds.

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