

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The beauty of a vague rule is that it is so much easier to work your way around. And as the police would probably make the best burglars; so those that study the Law know best how to find their way around it. Something Matthew struggles with time and time again because the Law was not made to be 'found a way around'- particularly when much of the way around involves influence or exclusion- Jesus reminds us of this – you may have heard.... but the truth is....

Jesus understands that circumstances run away with us; that we didn't mean this or that and yet; here we are; the more choice we get the harder it gets to make a choice; the more twists and turns the easier to get lost.



Jesus challenges us to a simpler, less intellectual but more honest understanding – 'yes' or 'no'

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: URGENT
Please complete and return your completed form.
These are needed this weekend !

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.

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

12th FEBRUARY 2017 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 11th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP
Sunday 12th February	9:30am 11:00am	Peggy Wright RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13th February	9:30am	Mass – Carol Whittaker
Tuesday 14th February	9:20am Noon 1:30PM	Mass – Tommy Bruin RIP Funeral Service – Robert (Chris) Gardner CRAFT GROUP
Wednesday 15th February	Noon	Mass - John Duffy RIP
Thursday 16th February	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 17th February		No Service
Saturday 18th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Hilda & Albert Clarkson RIP
Sunday 19th February	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Joe Davies – Get well soon
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 – Mrs E Colgan

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

COFFE MORNING – Thanks to all who came last Wednesday.
£135 was raised for parish funds.

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 after Mass.

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.

SUNDAY 19th MARCH After the 11am Mass we will be having a
Shared Table to celebrate St Joseph's Day. Please make a note in
your diary and come along and join in the fun.

Safeguarding We are currently undergoing a review of our safeguarding
procedures and policies. Anyone who works in our parish with children
and/or vulnerable adults is asked to register with the safeguarding team
and complete a DBS application form with our diocese. Please contact
Helen Thorpe who will provide you with the application form and guide
you through it as it is rather detailed.

Our safeguarding officer is Helen Thorpe. If you have any concerns
regarding safeguarding please contact Helen on 07966 284 486.
Alternatively, you can contact the diocesan safeguarding team directly
on 0151 652 9855

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 17 – 37



Jesus said to his disciples: Don't suppose that I came to do away
with the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to do away with
them, but to give them their full meaning. Heaven and earth
may disappear. But I promise you that not even a full stop or comma
will ever disappear from the Law. Everything written in it must happen.

If you reject even the least important command in the Law and teach others to
do the same, you will be the least important person in the kingdom of heaven.
But if you obey and teach others its commands, you will have an important place
in the kingdom. You must obey God's commands better than the Pharisees and
the teachers of the Law obey them. If you don't, I promise you that you will never
get into the kingdom of heaven.

You know that our ancestors were told, "Do not murder" and "A murderer must
be brought to trial." But I promise you that if you are angry with someone you
will have to stand trial. If you call someone a fool, you will be taken to court. And
if you say that someone is worthless, you will be in danger of the fires of hell.

So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is
angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that
person, then come back and offer your gift to God.

You know that our ancestors were told, "Don't use the Lord's name to make a
promise unless you are going to keep it." But I tell you not to swear by anything
when you make a promise! Heaven is God's throne, so don't swear by heaven.
The earth is God's footstool, so don't swear by the earth. Jerusalem is the city of
the great king, so don't swear by it. Don't swear by your own head. You cannot
make one hair white or black. When you make a promise, say only "Yes" or "No."
Anything else comes from the devil.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

SISTERS APPEAL

This weekend 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.

Craft group meets this coming Tuesday – postponed from last
week as many people were going to Alan Isherwood's funeral.