

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

How often when Jesus makes statements like these we prefer not to take them seriously. We think Jesus is just making a point - exaggerating for the sake of emphasis. That all he wants is for us to be good. We know when we are being good; taking care of our own; making the best of our talents; taking part in our community. All very good attributes; but no more than we should be doing; no more than anyone else; no more than anyone who didn't know Jesus; no more than anyone who had not been awakened to God. What we call 'being good' is the desired human condition.

Jesus doesn't want us to be good - he wants us to be better than that - his ambition for us goes beyond all that - he wants us to be 'perfect' (a bad translation - more likely meaning mature or adult).

We should not need to be liked to like; we should not need to be loved to love; we should not need our own need to be fulfilled before we recognise that others have needs. In particular it should not matter who the *others* are because we know who we are - beloved children of God.



Coffee morning 28th February at 10 -30am
In aid of Parish funds - bring and buy stall & raffle. Please come and support us and have a chat with friends.

PARISH REGISTER
If you haven't taken and completed an update form can you please do this as soon as possible.

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

19th FEBRUARY 2017		
7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
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
Monday 20th February	9:30am	Mass – Alan Isherwood RIP
Tuesday 21st February	9:30am Noon	Mass – Alan Isherwood RIP Funeral Service - Charles Jones RIP
Wednesday 22nd February	Noon	Mass – Fr Willie
Thursday 23rd February	9:30am	Mass – Ray Litten
Friday 24th February	7:00pm	No Service BINGO NIGHT
Saturday 25th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Poor Clares John Payne & Leslie Dickson RIP
Sunday 26th February	9:30am 11:00am	Fr Stephen Dwyer Poor Clares People of the Parish
Monday 27th February	7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass 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 – Mrs G Jones

**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.

PARISH RETREAT TO LINDISFARNE – HOLY ISLAND

We are hoping to organise a retreat from the 27th – 30th April but we need around 20-25 people to make it viable. If you are interested please can you add your name(s) to the list in the porch as soon as possible.

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.

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 add your name(s) to the list. Do come along and join in the fun.

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.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Matthew 5 38-48

Jesus said to his disciples. You know that you have been taught, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

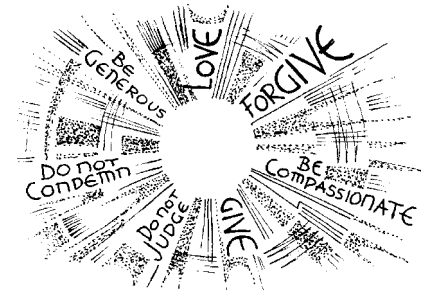
But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. When people ask you for something, give it to them. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them.

You have heard people say, “Love your neighbours and hate your enemies.”

But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you.

Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and

for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what’s so great about that? Don’t even unbelievers do that? But you must always act like your Father in heaven.



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

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.

Last week’s collection for the **Sisters’ Appeal** raised a total of £716.13. What a fantastic response. Many thanks.