

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sang Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it's just themselves – two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed – but they wanted to care for the body with spices and only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages but their heart believed quickly and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final.



They were then to go to the apostles...and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. Women announcing to men – this was against the culture. But Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

Caring for the body of Christ now means caring for each other. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ. And we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ in all of us

We are his body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other.

The Easter parade now is of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord which is the lifeblood of the church.

Jesus Christ you are risen, you are risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia.

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

| 16th APRIL 2017 EASTER SUNDAY (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES | | |
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| HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL | 8:00pm | Noel Stewart RIP |
| EASTER SUNDAY | 9.30am 11.00am | People of the Parish David Goodall RIP |
| Monday 17th April | 9:30am | Service of Word and Communion |
| Tuesday 18th April | 10:0am 7:30pm | Mass - Special Intention Gloria Brian & family Parish Council Meeting |
| Wednesday 19th April | Noon | Mass - Fr Simon – Birthday Greetings |
| Thursday 20th April | 9:30am | Service of Word and Communion |
| Friday 21st April | 7:30pm | No Service Fish & Chips Supper |
| Saturday 22nd April | 4:45pm 5:15pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP |
| Sunday 23rd April | 9:30am 11:00am | People of the Parish Joe & Joyce Davies |
| Tuesday 25 th April | 10:30am | Coffee Morning |

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 I Duffy

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

We are still collecting unwanted spectacles/cases to be sent to the Missions. If you have any that you no longer need please bring them in.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 7:30PM

If you have anything that you would like to be discussed/considered, please let Fr Simon or Derek know.

COFFEE MORNING: Thanks to all who came to the coffee morning We raised £110. The next one will be Tuesday 25th April at 10:30am.

Mass with the Poor Clare's Join us for a trip to the Poor Clare's Convent at Ellesmere then on to Shrewsbury (£12) on Thursday 20th April organised by St Wilfred's Parish. For more information phone Pat McQuillan on 590225 ASAP not many seats left .

PARISH RETREAT: .
We are organising a Retreat in November at Foxhills in Frodsham. Please take a form from the porch and return it ASAP.

OUR LENTEN CHARITY
Our Lenten Charity donations will support the Disaster Appeal for those starving in East Africa. Please take an envelope from the porch and support this Appeal from the Disasters Emergency Committee..

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

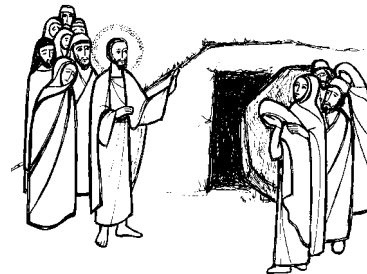
Gospel John 20 1 - 9

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance.



She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself.



Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

ST GEORGE'S DAY FISH & CHIPS SUPPER Friday 21st April 7:30pm

We will be celebrating St George's Day in the most appropriate English way— with a Fish & Chip Supper. Please add your names to the clipboard in the porch if you will be coming. Helpers for the night would be welcome. We are looking for help in handing out food and cleaning up afterwards.