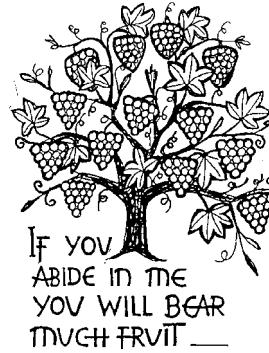


Gospel Reflection

Look closely at this John text and you will notice something. You have words popping out at you like, “prepare,” “go,” “going,” “the way,” “going” again, “the way” again, “the way” a third time, “through me,” “believe,” and “do.” These words are in motion. These words are on the go. They are not words for the dead. They are words for the alive and moving. The rooms that Christ has prepared are anything but rooms in an eternal, stationary mansion in the clouds.

Jesus Christ has prepared a room for us alright; I’m not sure how cramped the rooms are, but I do know that each room is filled with tools for work in the kingdom of God. They are intended to be shared with another person here in this life who needs to hear a word of belonging, friendship, and hope from your mouth in the beautiful and non-threatening setting of the green. They are a tool of God’s grace.

All of us fit in somewhere. All of us have a purpose in life. All of us are given a room in Christ, equipped with a tool, measured and fitted just for us for use in the kingdom of God. It may be a golf club, it may be a garden, it may be a gift for poetry, or it may be a gift of working hands; no matter what the gift is, it has been fitted just for you so that you too can participate in the way, the truth, and the life.



Thanks to everyone who supported the recent Coffee morning. We raised £161. The next one is on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30 am

PRIZE BINGO: Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday July 7th at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee available - Raffle. £1 Admission . We would appreciate Prizes for the Bingo and Raffle.

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

14th MAY 2017		
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 13th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP
Sunday 14th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Jeff Shaw & David Walmsley RIP
Monday 15th May	9:30am 6:30pm	Service of Word and Communion RCIA Meeting
Tuesday 16th May	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 17th May	11:00am	Requiem Mass – Catherine (Kitty) Insley and Winefride (Winnie) Mary Cannon
Thursday 18th May	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 19th May		No Service
Saturday 20th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Godfrey RIP
Sunday 21st May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Elizabeth O’Connor RIP
Monday 22nd May	7:30pm	Scripture Group
Tuesday 23rd April	10:30am 7:30pm	Coffee Morning 40th Anniversary Planning Meeting

This weekend we welcome Mgr Peter O’Neill to St Joseph’s.

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 MB Doherty

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 – NOVEMBER; Sadly there has been insufficient interest shown in this and so we have had to cancel the event.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: There will be a preliminary meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 23rd May. If you are willing to help with the planning and/or have ideas for the weekend itself please come along to the meeting.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA For anyone in the parish would like to, or knows of anyone who would like to, consider becoming a Catholic. There will be an introduction and opportunity to discuss taking part in the RCIA programme in church on Monday 15th May at 6.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING:

Our next one is on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30 am. Come along and enjoy refreshments, Bingo, Raffle, etc.

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 Reading John 14 1 – 12

Jesus said to his disciples. Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

"Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see - these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Tony Montgomery is running in this year's Manchester 10K, on Sunday 28th May, to raise money for **St. Luke's Hospice** and would be grateful for any sponsors. There is a sponsor form in the porch – please support him for this good cause.