

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

There will be a time for everyone when they will suffer, either through their own pain or often the pain of someone close to them. And it is usually then that we return to our prayers, to our church, to our faith.

But who do we return to? To a God that punishes through illness or despair, to a God that gives judgement, to a God that doesn't care? If so, why bother?

Should we believe that God will always take the pain away – will create a miracle of healing? Well, yes we should. But it may not be the miracle we expect. Perhaps the healing will be a new attitude, a different perspective, an acceptance of the reality of life. And with that healing, the recognition that we are not alone when we suffer; God is always Emmanuel – God who is with us. Befriending, sharing, carrying, walking the journey.

40TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please take home some Raffle Tickets and buy some / sell some to your friends and neighbours. They are only £1 per Book of 5 tickets (20p each).

40TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9TH & 10TH SEPTEMBER

There will be a Final Stall Holders & Helpers Meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 5th September.

ALL STALL HOLDERS & HELPERS NEED TO BE THERE.

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.

Note: The September Meeting will take place on the 2nd Friday i.e. the **8th September**.

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

20th AUGUST 2017 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 19th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Syd O'Grady RIP Anniversary
Sunday 20th August	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Mrs Val Lloyd
Monday 21st August	9:30am	Mass - Gordon Noad RIP
Tuesday 22nd August	9:30am	Mass - for Archie - recovery from operation (7 yrs old)
Wednesday 23rd August	Noon	Mass - Private Intention
Thursday 24th August	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls
Friday 25th August		No Service
Saturday 26th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Payne RIP
Sunday 27th August	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Richard Jennings
Tuesday 5th September	7:30pm	40th Anniversary Helpers Meeting

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 M Noad

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

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Mrs B O'Grady

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.

40th ANNIVERSARY Saturday 9th Sunday 10th September:

Do you know of anyone who would need transport to the festivities on
the Saturday or to the Mass on the Sunday? If so, can you please tell Fr
Simon or Derek.

SICK LIST: If you have asked for a name to be added to the list can you
please check it so that we can update it if required.

SPA - THE SOCIETY OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

The Society is an organisation that provides training for Priests in Mission
countries. The recent retiring collection to support their work raised a
total of £308. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Matthew 15 21 - 28



Jesus left Genneraset and took a trip to Tyre and
Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite
woman came down from the hills and pleaded,
“Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly
afflicted by an evil spirit.”

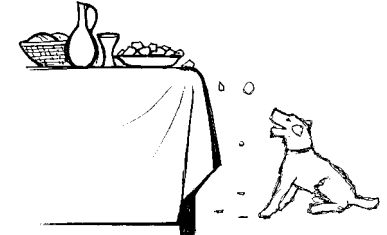
Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, “Now she’s
bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She’s driving us
crazy.”

Jesus refused, telling them, “I’ve got my hands full dealing with the lost
sheep of Israel.”

Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, and begged.
“Master, help me.”

He said, “It’s not right to take bread out of children’s mouths and
throw it to dogs.”

She was quick: “You’re right, Master,
but beggar dogs do get scraps from the
master’s table.”



Jesus gave in. “Oh, woman, your faith is
something else. What you want is what
you get!”

Right then her daughter became well.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi