

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Jesus is beginning to talk about the path he was destined to take. And then to have his closest friend say - No, you can't do this to me, You mean too much to me. You can't leave me - must have been an even greater temptation than those on the mountaintop.

Control and obstruction hides itself in human love. It is so difficult to give those you love their own freedom. 'If you love someone you let them go' - no wonder that was written by 'Anonymous' - how hard it is to do. Even harder to release them to the mystery of God's Will - why Peter struggles with the need to suffer, as we still do today. Jesus doesn't turn his back on Peter, only the temptation and the show of ego that tried to put Peter in charge of Jesus' life; to second-guess God.

Which is why he says to all of them that they must renounce themselves - not who they are in God's eyes - but who they are in their own eyes and the eyes of the world. The cross is heavy enough without trying to balance ego and ambition - one or the other will topple - which is up to you.

CRAFT GROUP: Meets on Tuesday 5th at 10:15am. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be highly talented - just interested in some sharing good company and having a go.

WINGS - St Stephen's School in Kenya.

We have transferred a further £1,000 to the School to help in the education of these young people. Please continue to support WINGS. There are envelopes available in the porch.

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.

Please note that the September meeting will be on Friday the 8th

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

3rd SEPTEMBER 2017 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 2nd September	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 3rd September	9:30am 11:00am	People of the parish Fred Horrigan RIP
Monday 4th September	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 5th September	10:15am 7:00pm	CRAFT GROUP Mass - Edward McCambridge RIP
Wednesday 6th September	Noon	Mass - Holy Souls
Thursday 7th September	9:30am	Mass - Paul O'Connor (sick)
Friday 8th September		No Service
Saturday 9th September		No Mass this evening
Sunday 10th September	11:00am	40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS People of the Parish
Monday 11th September	7:30pm	Scripture Group

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 J Fitzsimmons

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

A big **Thank You** to the ladies who arrange the 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.



Gospel Reading Matthew 16 21 - 27

Then Jesus made it clear to his disciples that it was now necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, submit to an ordeal of suffering at the hands of the religious leaders, be killed, and then on the third day be raised up alive. Peter took him in hand, protesting, "Impossible, Master! That can never be!"



PARISH 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

These take place next weekend - September 9th/10th. Please note that there will be only **one Mass** next weekend – on Sunday at 11am.

(There will be no Mass on Saturday evening)

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

COFFEE MORNING: Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 19th September after the 9:30am Mass.

As well as tea and coffee, there will be Bingo, a Bring & Buy Stall and a Raffle. Please come along and enjoy a chat with fellow parishioners and join in the fun. Everyone is welcome.



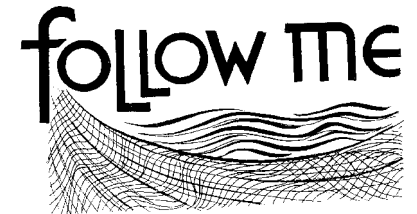
But Jesus didn't swerve. "Peter, get out of my way. Satan, get lost. You have no idea how God works."

Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am.

Don't run from suffering; embrace it.

Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?



"Don't be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the Son of Man will arrive with all the splendour of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels. You'll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This isn't pie in the sky by and by. Some of you standing here are going to see it take place, see the Son of Man in kingdom glory."

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

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacle and cases. Before they are sent out to the Missions they are checked and repaired as required by a group of prisoners providing them with valuable work.