

Gospel Reflection

Jesus doesn't want us to be good - 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.

It is this confidence in God's Love that Jesus tries to instil in us - the confidence that he has in his Father, that allows him to call, with joyful expectation, on the grace and healing that is then gifted to anyone who asks - all strangers, many enemies, honest and dishonest people alike. The world we know is fragmented and hurting. Anger and violence have proved that they are not the answer. It's a tough challenge to look into your enemy's eyes and ask for reconciliation. Where else is there to go if not to talk about it and pray about it?

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.

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

10th SEPTEMBER 2017		
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Sunday 10th September	11:00am	40th ANNIVERSARY MASS Joyce Davies (Birthday)
Monday 11th September	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass - 9:30am Intention to be announced Scripture Group
Tuesday 12th September	9:30am	Mass - Intention to be announced
Wednesday 13th September	Noon	Mass - Intention to be announced
Thursday 14th September	9:30am	Mass - Intention to be announced
Friday 15th September		No Service
Saturday 16th September	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Ken Hulse R.I.P
Sunday 17th September	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Intention to be announced

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's winner –. To be announced next weekend

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.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18 15 - 20

Jesus said to his disciples. "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him - work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend..



If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

"Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."



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.



PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Derek on- 01606 889048

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th October. The Parish Council is there to serve YOU. It wants to hear your thoughts and ideas on what takes place in the parish.

If you have anything that you would like to raise at the Parish Council Meeting please write it down and leave it in an envelope marked "Parish Council" and put it onto the table in the sacristy. Or you can speak to Fr Simon, Derek or Phil Martin (Chairman).