

Gospel Reflection

Neither son in this parable is a paragon of virtue. Even those who are “entering the kingdom of God” started off by balking at the Lord’s instructions. Contrast this with the ministry of Jesus, who does the Father’s will at every point, even when He knows the suffering He will have to endure for it. In Gethsemane, Jesus prays that the cup pass from His lips — but only if that is the will of the Father. He submits entirely to the Father’s will, not in a grumbling or half-hearted manner but fully committed to it. Jesus is neither of the sons in this parable.

However, that is part of the hopeful message Jesus gives us in this parable — that salvation is not for the perfect, but for the truly repentant. Redemption is still available for those who refuse the call of the Lord at first. Those who followed Jesus had taken a different path as a result of Jesus’ ministry. These prostitutes and tax collectors to whom Jesus referred had *repented* of their sin and come back into union with the will of the Father. They acknowledged their status as sinners and resolved to sin no more. Instead of arrogantly putting their own will and agenda to the forefront, they obeyed the will of the Father through Jesus. Thus, they had moved farther on the path of salvation — even if, as Jesus implies in the parable, they weren’t necessarily enthusiastic about it at first and may still have doubts or misgivings.

The **Annual Diocesan Mass celebrating the vocation of grandparents** which will be held at St Columba’s, Plas Newton Lane, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday the 14th of October at 11am. Please see the poster in the porch. All are most welcome.

£1 Coins -

Don’t forget to use up your old £1 Coins by the 15th October.

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

1st OCTOBER 2017 **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

This weekend we welcome Fr Colin whilst Fr Simon is away

Saturday 30th September	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Jimmy Graham (Sick)
Sunday 1st October	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Edna Butler RIP
Monday 2nd October	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 3rd October	10:15am 7:00pm	Craft Group Mass - Holy Souls
Wednesday 4th October	Noon	Mass - Sick of the Parish
Thursday 5th October	9:30am	Mass - Private Intention
Friday 6th October	9:30am 1:00pm	Mass - Paul O’Connor Funeral Service - Maria Rimmer RIP CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
Saturday 7th October	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maureen Lister RIP
Sunday 8th October	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Victims of Religious persecution
Monday 9th October	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 – David Haines

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.

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi there will be a Blessing of Animals at the Masses on the 7th and 8th October.

Please bring along photographs of your pets and animals and they will be blessed. No live animals please !!!!! We don't want Fr Simon to be eaten!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Please pick up an envelope from the porch for your offering.

CRAFT GROUP MEETS Tuesday 3rd October at 10:15am

All are most welcome. Come along and join in the fun.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Pack a Shoebox with love and make someone's Christmas extra special !

CCM is a local organisation that sends Shoeboxes to Romania and Moldova for poor children. Please see the flier telling you how you can help.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** will be on Tuesday 24th October at 10am.
Our last Coffee Morning raised £188. Thanks for your support.

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 21 26-32

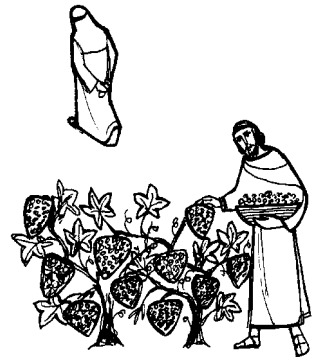
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people. "Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'

"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

"The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.' But he never went.

"Which of the two sons did what the father asked?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Cafod - POWER TO BE Liturgy Monday October 16th at 7.30pm.

You are invited to join us at Our Power To Be Liturgy in St Mary's Parish Centre, New King Street, Middlewich, CW10 9EB. God through his infinite power and love created heaven and earth, the sun and the stars, people and all living creatures. Yet the poorest of our brothers and sisters are still living without electricity and are being held back from living life to the full. The Power to Be Liturgy is a journey of prayer and reflection where together we pray in hope that the world's children will have the power to fulfil their dreams and flourish.

It is with sadness that we have to announce the deaths of Sister Bridie and Sister Rita. Sister Bridie's funeral will be on Wednesday 4th October at 11am and Sister Rita's funeral will be on Wednesday 11th October at 11am - both at Bowden.