

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The Kingdom of Heaven is like.... How many times have we heard that phrase with Matthew as Jesus attempts to explain what life in God is all about. This time the Kingdom is 'like a man'. This is the part of the reading we often read over.

We 'human's have many sides to our personality and character and we give each part a sense of importance - some more than others. But our expectations are high. We want to be successful so we work at using our skills to the best of our ability. The danger is that we leave our caring 'skills', empathy, compassion and love to the last. We don't practice using them, we don't invest time in developing them, we are afraid to be hurt by them.

The punishment that Matthew talks about is self-inflicted. Only by 'spending' our weakness and need of God's love can we ever hope to share in the greater gift of God's grace.

40th ANNIVERSARY: If you brought in photos of the history of St Joseph's you can collect them from the porch. Thanks you for the loan of them.

WALK WITH ME - READING FOR ADVENT

As well as the MY DAY BY DAY booklets we have copies of WALK WITH ME . Price £1 each. Please place your money in the Wall Box in the inner porch by the Hymn Books.

BEER NIGHT: We are having another Beer Night on Friday 15th December. Price is £10 for 2 beers and hot food. £4 for food only. There will be pre-order forms for those who wish to purchase additional beers for Christmas. Price list and choices to follow soon.

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.

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

19th NOVEMBER 2017 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 18th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation The Gardner family (father & son)
Sunday 19th November	9:30am 11:00am	Norah Hunt RIP People of the Parish
Monday 20th November	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass - Hugh Duffy (Sick) Scripture Group
Tuesday 21st November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 22nd November	Noon	Mass - Teresa Brown RIP
Thursday 23rd November	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass -Those on our November List Confirmations
Friday 24th November		No Service
Saturday 25th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Monica and Peter Robinson RIP
Sunday 26th November	9:30am 11:00am	Maddelena Rocco RIP People of the Parish
Tuesday 28th November	7:00pm	Mass for the Deceased

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.

There will be a short Advent Service in school on **Thursday 30th November at 9.15am**. The school warmly invites parishioners to come and join us, as we mark the start of our Advent journey with prayer, music and reflection.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mr B O'Hare

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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND

Next weekend we will be having the annual collection to help to train future Priests and Deacons - as well as lay people (such as Eucharistic Ministers). The Fund also meets the cost of ongoing training of clergy.

Pensioner's Meal 10th December - noon onwards

Please add your name(s) to the list on the porch if you would like to attend. If you have any special needs (dietary, transport to and fro, access arrangements, etc) please let us know. We would also welcome volunteers to assist on the day - and Raffle Prizes please.

SATURDAY 2ND December: DAY OF REFLECTION ON ADVENT:

Coffee at 12:30pm for 1pm start. Stories, Songs and Reflections with Andv and Anna Raine from Lindisfarne. All most welcome.

BINGO NIGHT Friday 8th December. As usual we would be grateful donations of Prizes for this event. And of course your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

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 25 14 – 30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples.



“The Kingdom of heaven is like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities.

To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money.

“After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’



“The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’

“The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’

“The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.

“Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.’

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi