

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel of Few Words is, I have realised, a gift to storytellers - as I am sure the first preachers and teachers must have been; as many are now. It can rattle along at a breathless pace, the urgency of the Message whispered under cover of night and behind closed doors. And then.....

'If you want to'

How many ways can you say those four words? Politely; confidently; cajolingly; disarmingly? Or, disbelievingly and challengingly?

A leper; judged the greatest of outcasts; condemned as unclean; 'dwelling apart' - pleaded - the pleading of a human being with no place left to go; no pride; nothing whatsoever to lose. The child that Jesus often reminds us we should be; powerless yet trusting. The leper put himself at Jesus' feet and Jesus healed him.

I wonder though how often we bring our prayers to Jesus in that way? Jesus tells us that the Father answers our prayers. But do we say 'if you want to'? And do we believe that God truly does?

COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 20th February. Please come along and support it.

WALK WITH ME - READING FOR LENT: 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.

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

11TH FEBRUARY 2018 (CYCLE B)

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

This weekend we welcome to St Joseph's Canon Phil Moor, one of our Vicar Generals

Saturday 10th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Francisco Da Silva De Araujo
Sunday 11th February	9:30am 11:00am	Tracey Simpson RIP People of the Parish
Monday 12th February	9:30am 7:30pm	Service of Word and Communion Scripture Group
Tuesday 13th February	12:00pm	Requiem Mass – Paul Martin RIP
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY	12:00pm 7:00pm	Mass – Kathleen Harrison RIP Service of Word and Communion with distribution of ashes
Thursday 15th February	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 16th February		No service
Saturday 17th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Paul Martin RIP
Sunday 18th February	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish P. Wyatt & P. Norris RIP

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 Anne Bradbury

**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.

PARISH HOLIDAY: We will be going to Scarborough on 26th September for five days. Cost will be £209 per person – which includes Transport, Dinner Bed and Breakfast and also 3 Trips (to the Yorkshire Moors, Whitby and York). Please sign up by adding your name(s) to the list in the Porch.

BINGO NIGHT FRIDAY 13TH APRIL: In aid of Doctor Fallon’s chosen Charities – Autism Group and Carer’s Association. We would be delighted to receive any donations and prizes for the bingo night. Please leave them in the sacristy marked “Bingo”. See the poster in the porch for more information.

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 Mk 1: 40-45

A leper came to Jesus, begging on his knees,
“If you want to, you can cleanse me.”

Deeply moved, Jesus put out his hand, touched him,
and said, “I want to. Be clean.”

Then and there the leprosy was gone, his skin
smooth and healthy. Jesus dismissed him with
strict orders: “Say nothing to anyone. Take the
offering for cleansing that Moses prescribed and
present yourself to the priest. This will validate
your healing to the people.”

But as soon as the man was out of earshot,
he told everyone he met what had happened,
spreading the news all over town. So Jesus kept
to out-of-the-way places, no longer able to move
freely in and out of the city. But people
found him, and came from all over.



COMMUNITY MASS: St Nicholas Catholic High School is joining with the local parishes to celebrate Lent with a *community* Mass at St Mary’s, Middlewich, on Sunday 4th March 2018. For young people of high school age. See the poster in the porch.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi