

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The odd thing about this part of the Gospel - this incident when Jesus (Jesus!) seemingly loses it - *human maybe but hardly divine* - is how very vindicated we can feel about it - *that if Jesus can lose his temper then it is ok to lose mine.*

It is permissible for the market sellers and moneychangers to trade in the Temple. People are required to make sacrifice; to pay tithes and offerings. Sacrifices and tithes have to meet the customs of the community; the purity laws; the tradition.

The traders are breaking no laws; it is simply supply and demand. How better to do this than within the Temple itself? There may be some profit involved and money does 'talk' - even 'pray' - but it is for the common good.

Jesus does not believe in the common good; it is not for the common good that he forgives the woman caught in adultery; heals the lepers or makes disciples out of tax collectors, and widows. It is not for the common good that he blesses the meek, the grieving and the merciful; it is not why he stands with those who have been rejected.

It is not for the common good - it is for the Good that is his Father.

Bingo Night Friday 13th April 7:30pm: 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".

Requiem Mass for Father Stephen Dwyer: Reception of Body & Vigil Mass, Thursday 8th March, All Saints, Ashton-on-Mersey, 7pm.
Requiem Mass, Friday 9th March, All Saints, Ashton-on-Mersey, 12 noon followed by committal in Altrincham Crematorium.

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

4TH MARCH 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 3rd March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracy Simpson RIP
Sunday 4th March	9:30am 11:00am	Pat RIP (sister of Barbara Carney) People of the Parish
Monday 5th March	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 6th March	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 7th March		No service
Thursday 8th March	11:00am	Requiem Mass – Francis (Frank) Rolfe RIP
Friday 9th March		No service
Saturday 10th March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Paul Martin RIP
Sunday 11th March	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Father Stephen Dwyer 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 Ann Hayes

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

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

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.

Family Fun Day: On Sunday 18th March we are having a Family Fun Day in the Parish Centre. There will be a Shared Table and an Easter Egg Tombola. We are collecting Easter Eggs now so if you would like to donate one please leave it in the Box in the Sacristy. Thank You.

Readers: We would like to recruit more Readers for the 9:30am Sunday morning Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please speak to Fr. Simon.

Heating & Lighting: This weekend we are appealing to you to help us with our Gas & Electricity Bills. This winter has been particularly cold and our usage has been particularly high. So we will be having a Retiring Collection.

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 *John 2: 13-25*

When the Passover Feast, celebrated each spring by the Jews, was about to take place, Jesus travelled up to Jerusalem. He found the Temple teeming with people selling cattle and sheep and doves. The loan sharks were also there in full strength.



Jesus put together a whip out of strips of leather and chased them out of the Temple, stampeding the sheep and cattle, upending the tables of the loan sharks, spilling coins left and right. He told the dove merchants, “Get your things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a shopping mall!” That’s when his disciples remembered the Scripture, “Zeal for your house consumes me.”



But the Jews were upset. They asked, “What credentials can you present to justify this?” Jesus answered, “Tear down this Temple and in three days I’ll put it back together.”

They were indignant: “It took forty-six years to build this Temple, and you’re going to rebuild it in three days?” But Jesus was talking about his body as the Temple. Later, after he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered he had said this. They then put two and two together and believed both what was written in Scripture and what Jesus had said.

During the time he was in Jerusalem, those days of the Passover Feast, many people noticed the signs he was displaying and, seeing they pointed straight to God, entrusted their lives to him. But Jesus didn’t entrust his life to them. He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were. He didn’t need any help in seeing right through them.

Coffee morning: Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 20th March at 10:30am. Everybody is welcome.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi