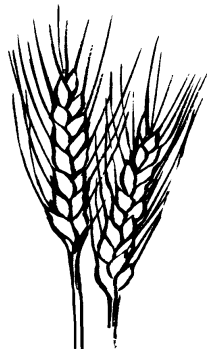


Gospel Reflection

This week it is Jesus who is reflecting on the mission ahead. Fully human, it can't be easy for him to fully understand the need for his sacrifice. He uses what we all understand as one of nature's processes.

The story does not end with the seed that is planted and grows to fruition. The seed must fall again so that the world may move forward, so that life continues to live. In our own lives we cannot allow ourselves to become like stone. There is no point on the journey when we have done enough or achieved enough. Not in a worldly or competitive way but in the ways of faith and compassion.



There is always something more we can offer, some other part of ourselves that can serve. If we are willing to make the sacrifice.

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 the donations in the sacristy marked "Bingo".

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.

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

18TH MARCH 2018 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE B)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

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| Saturday 17th March | 4:45pm 5:15pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP |
| Sunday 18th March | 9:30am 11:00am Noon | Jack Hunt RIP People of the Parish Family Fun Day & Easter Egg Tombola |
| Monday 19th March ST JOSEPH'S DAY | 9:30am | Bernard Cannon Anniversary RIP |
| Tuesday 20th March | 9:30am 10:30am | Parents family Hollinrake & Jennings RIP Coffee morning |
| Wednesday 21st March | 1:00pm | Requiem Mass – Paul Bailey RIP |
| Thursday 22nd March | 9:30am | Mary Godfrey RIP |
| Friday 23rd March | | No service |
| Saturday 24th March | 4:45pm 5:15pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracy Simpson RIP |
| Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday | 9:30am 11:00am | People of the Parish Nora & Michael McNeil Anniversary RIP |
| Monday 26th March | 9:30am | Service of Word and Communion |

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 – Mr Thomas Laffey

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.

Coffee morning: Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 20th March at 10:30am. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits – everyone is welcome.

Offertory Envelopes: The new Boxes of Envelopes are available today. Can you please pick up your Box. If you would like to join the Envelope Scheme please see George or one of the helpers – there are spare Boxes available. Also available are Standing Order forms if you would like to give in this way. If you are a Tax Payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme please take a Gift Aid form.

Easter Flowers: Donations for the Easter Flowers can be given on the weekend of 24th / 25th.

Gas & Electric: Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to our collections. A total of £1284 has been raised.

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 12: 20-33

There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: "Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?"

Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, "Time's up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

"Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

"If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honour and reward anyone who serves me

"Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place. I'll say, 'Father, put your glory on display.'"

A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again." The listening crowd said, "Thunder!" Others said, "An angel spoke to him!"

Jesus said, "The voice didn't come for me but for you. At this moment the world is in crisis. Now Satan, the ruler of this world, will be thrown out. And I, as I am lifted up from the earth, will attract everyone to me and gather them around me." He put it this way to show how he was going to be put to death.



The Family Fun Day is after the 11am Mass on Sunday. There will be a Shared Table and an Easter Egg Tombola, please come along for our celebration of the feast day of St Joseph.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi