

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

When we hear this Gospel we are to understand that we must stay close to Jesus in order to be part of those who are 'saved'; our fellowship relies on our not being cut off by sin or denial. See how Jesus talks about himself. He is the vine; a seed planted in the earth; no longer Creator but created; joining the struggle of birth, life and death that is the dream of the Father.

Do you notice that it is Jesus himself who suffers the harshest of cuts? He is the heartwood that must be protected at any cost. The care that the Father pours on him does not allow Jesus to be free; if free means flamboyant; wasteful; tangled like a vine. Jesus is free only to complete the work of the Father; to bring forth an abundant crop. We are that crop – the wine that is our joy is the joy of the Father. The back and forth of relationship. It is only through our attachment to Jesus that we can shine with grace; only with his attachment to his Father that he can fill us with his Spirit.

Coffee morning: Our next Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 15th May at 10am – come along and join in the fun - Refreshments, Bingo, Raffle and Bring-and Buy Sale. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Prizes not claimed: There are still some raffle tickets not claimed from the Bingo Night on 13th April. The tickets are:
Pink 971-975
Green 91-95

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

29TH APRIL 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 28th April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Joseph Matthew RIP
Sunday 29th April	9:30am 11:00am	Tony Lister sick People of the Parish
Monday 30th April	9:30am	Hugh Duffy RIP
Tuesday 1st May	9:30am	Kitty and Jack Insley RIP (Kitty anniversary)
Wednesday 2nd May	Noon	Requiem Mass – Margaret Matthams RIP
Thursday 3rd May	9:30am	Sick parishioner
Friday 4th May	7:30pm	No service St Andrew's Variety Show
Saturday 5th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mrs Matthews RIP
Sunday 6th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Paul O'Connor
Monday 7th May	9:30am	Winefride Cannon anniversary 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 Christina Shaw

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Gloria Jones

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.

Variety Show: St. Andrew’s Drama Group, present their next variety
show here at St. Joseph’s, on Friday 4th May at 7.30 pm. Come and
be entertained! Well known songs, duets, comedy sketches and
jokes! Enjoy an uplifting evening, down memory lane! Tickets £5, by
contacting Phil Martin (07720807162), or pay on the door. Please see
the poster in the porch.

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 8th May at 7:30 pm. If there is
anything you would like to be discussed at this meeting please tell Fr
Simon, Phil Martin or Derek. If you have any ideas/suggestions as to
what the Parish could/should be doing please let us know.

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 John 15 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples “I am the Real Vine and my
Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me
that doesn’t bear grapes. And every branch that is
grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already
pruned back by the message I have spoken.



“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you.
In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by
itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t
bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re
joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate
and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant.

Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who
separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and
thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at
home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that
whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father
shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my
disciples.



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT —

Diocese of Shrewsbury Education Service: They currently have vacancies for
Foundation Governors within the Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority
area. If you would be interested in this role please go to the diocesan website
(Diocese of Shrewsbury), where if you click on the main heading ‘Education’
drop downs will appear on the left hand side, you should click on ‘Governors’
and then ‘Governor Vacancies’. You will find the paperwork to be completed
which also includes information about the role of a Foundation Governor. Or
you can email this address - Sue.Blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org -
where they can issue the necessary paperwork either via email or by post.
There are instructions in the porch for navigating the website.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi