

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

How hard it can be to feel that God loves us as He loves his Son. Feeling unworthy, thinking 'if you really knew me', puts an unnecessary distance between us. It's a gift we rarely give ourselves. A gift we can only receive through Jesus. You have to meet him as the disciples, the women and all the saints that have gone before have met him - intimately, deeply, lovingly.

In a world of communication overload you would think it would be easy getting to know people but often it seems more like attention seeking; counting 'friend's that we have never met, 'followers' who have never stepped in our footprints. As human beings we are always looking for relationship; but relationships must have layers of encounter; giving and a response; they need to be 'alive'.

If we believe Jesus is real but not tangible - then we need to develop the relationship some more through prayer and contemplation. Taking time is key; taking time to get to know each other; learning to be friends; learning to love; remembering that he has chosen you.

Parish Fair: Following the successful 40th Anniversary celebrations last year we will be having another Parish Fair on September 15th. There is a clipboard in the porch where you can volunteer to help run a stall, please sign up if you can help to run a stall or help with setting up the stalls.

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

6TH MAY 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
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
Tuesday 8th May	1:30pm	Requiem Mass – Tony Kearns RIP
Wednesday 9th May	7pm	Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord - Intention Hugh Duffy RIP
Thursday 10th May THE ASCENSION	11:15am 7pm	The Ascension Mass (in the School) - Intention for the children in our school The Ascension Mass (in the church) Intention Mrs Marrion Graham RIP
Friday 11th May		No service
Saturday 12th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tony Kearns RIP
Sunday 13th May	9:30am 11:00am	Thomas Daniel Kneale RIP People of the Parish
Monday 14th May	9:30am	Mr Stirling Blair 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 – Mr David Williams

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.

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 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.

Data Protection: Please see the notice on the Notice Board regarding new regulations concerning disclosure of personal information. Please let us know if this affects you.

Parish Council Meeting has been postponed – the new time for the Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 5th June at 7:30pm.

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 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make ourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done - kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.



"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for

your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.



"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

"But remember the root command: Love one another."

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Thursday 10th May – A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated as follows –
Vigil Mass of the Ascension at 7pm on Wednesday the 9th.
Mass of the Ascension at 11:15am on Thursday 10th, this will be in the School not the church. There will also be a Mass at 7pm in the church on Thursday 10th.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi