

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

This chapter of John's gospel presents Jesus as the giver of divine life. He possesses the fullness of Godly life. This is what he leaves to us in his flesh and blood, the Eucharist. Prayer unites us to the sacrifice of Jesus who, all through his life, not just at Calvary, gave himself to us as teacher, healer, protector - always as loving friend. What is your favourite title for Jesus? Repeat that sometimes in prayer and bring it through the day like a lingering line of a song or a tune.

Jesus is like a good friend here. He wants to keep us with him, just as none of us want to lose a friend. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission as his followers is in the midst of and in the depths of the world. He wants his love and message inserted in the centre of the world, the city, the neighbourhood. In following him in mission and love, we are ourselves sanctified. Prayer helps and completes this daily sanctification, in our growing in closeness to him.

Jesus' first prayer was for those who were with him in the Last Supper room. He prays that they always be in communion with God and for their protection from the evil that surrounds them every day. Like ourselves, they are to find closeness with God and protection from harm even in the midst of the world.

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.

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

13TH MAY 2018 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
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 7:30pm	Mr Stirling Blair RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 15th May	9:30am 10:00am	Patricia Murphy sick Coffee morning
Wednesday 16th May	1:30pm	Requiem Mass – Matthew Lafferty RIP
Thursday 17th May		No service
Friday 18th May		No service
Saturday 19th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mrs Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 20th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Jhorids Parents Lorenza Mednoza RIP
Monday 21st May	10:00am	School Mass in the Church – Intention Hugh Duffy 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 Elizabeth Dickson

**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.

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. The Data Protection notice is also shown on the website.

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.

Rosary beads: Please bring in any old or unused Rosary beads to send to the missions. There is a box in the porch to put the Rosary beads in.

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 17: 11-19

Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said:

Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life
That you conferred as a gift through me,
So they can be one heart and mind
As we are one heart and mind.

As long as I was with them, I guarded them
In the pursuit of the life you gave through me;
I even posted a night watch.
And not one of them got away,
Except for the rebel bent on destruction
(the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

Now I'm returning to you.
I'm saying these things in the world's hearing
So my people can experience
My joy completed in them.
I gave them your word;
The godless world hated them because of it,
Because they didn't join the world's ways,
Just as I didn't join the world's ways.
I'm not asking that you take them out of the world
But that you guard them from the Evil One.

They are no more defined by the world
Than I am defined by the world.
Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth;
Your word is consecrating truth.
In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world,
I give them a mission in the world.
I'm consecrating myself for their sakes
So they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission.



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi