

## Gospel Reflection

Interestingly, mustard seeds are generally planted as an annual harvest. Jesus' expectation that his 'seedlings' would be enough to thwart the traditions that had held so many captive. And that, like seedlings, it is the striving for light, for life, for transformation, that should sustain them allowing them to grow into something more.

If you have ever seen seedlings of any kind, you cannot fail to be amazed by their tenacity; finding purchase in concrete, through tarmac, surrounded by brambles or edging out of the cracks of mortared brickwork. Beholden to no-one, except their Maker, they reach out to every drop of morning dew or misted rain; they suck the nutrients from the scarified dust and tie their roots into the barest of hopes.

And they persevere. Their life wrapped in God's desire; a thread in the weave. Each one of us is a part of the pattern. Despite, in spite of, the trials and the temptations that surround us we are reminded that it is not about just us, but about the 'bigness' of being part of something more. Something that will be a home and refuge for those in need.



### **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

### **17th JUNE 2018** **11th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 16th June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Personal Intention of Father Simon
Sunday 17th June	9:30am 11:00am	People of the parish Tessa birthday
Monday 18th June	Noon 7:30pm	Hugh Duffy RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 19th June	9:30am 10:00am	Gordon Noad RIP Coffee morning
Wednesday 20th June	Noon	Klagg
Thursday 21st June	9:30am	Vincent Cannon birthday RIP
Friday 22nd June		No service
Saturday 23rd June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tony Lister sick
Sunday 24th June	9:30am 11:00am Noon	Kay and Hugh McFeat RIP People of the Parish Thanksgiving Shared Meal
Monday 25th June	9:30am	Betty O'Grady sick

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 Ralph Ellis

### 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 Rosary beads for the Missions.

**Coffee morning:** The next coffee morning is Tuesday 19th June at 10am. Come along and join in the fun - Refreshments, Bingo, Raffle and Bring-and Buy Sale. Everyone is welcome.

**Parish Fair:** The date of the Parish Fair has been brought forward to **Saturday 8th September** not on Saturday 15th September.

**First Communion Thanksgiving Mass – BBQ and Shared Meal**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** If you are coming to the BBQ and Shared Meal can you please add your name(s) to the list in the porch.

**Leeds Half Marathon:** Louise successfully completed this event and would be grateful if her sponsors could bring in their money. Please place it in an envelope marked "Louise" and hand it in at Mass. Many thanks.

### 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 Mark 4 26 – 34

Then Jesus said, "God's kingdom is like seed thrown on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The seed sprouts and grows - he has no idea how it happens. The earth does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest time!"

"How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like a pine nut. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge pine tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it."

With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he went over everything, sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.



**Diocesan Holy Hour:** In preparation for the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress** in September, Bishop Mark invites you to join him in St Anthony's Church, Wythenshawe on Sunday 24 June at 3pm for a time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Although this event is open to all, to facilitate arrangements please let Helen Jones know if you are coming by Wednesday 20 June – 0151 652 9855 or [helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi