

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

John Wesley said that many Christians have just enough religion to be miserable. It would seem that many Jews are in the same position. The people are being offered the Bread of Life, an image that they are familiar with through their own scripture. Ever since the manna in the desert the generosity of God has been imagined as bread. So the words Jesus uses make sense to the Jews. This is a message that they have been waiting for.

Jesus tells them exactly who he is. That he has come from the Father to do the will of the Father and the Father's will is that people will be drawn to him through Jesus. He wraps this desire in circles of calling. Surely they have the same desire of their ancestors - to live through God's grace? And they know that God answered Moses' prayers. Here they are offered eternal life through God's grace and God has already answered their prayers, before they are even spoken, through the gift of his Son.

Take the time, not only to listen to the teaching of Jesus; allow it to feed you and feed into how you live and how you live with others.

### **2 job vacancies at the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of our youth programme.

Young Vincentians Programme Manager: £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 15:00 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018. Interviews: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Start date: ASAP.

Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10:00 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Start date: ASAP.

Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website:

<https://www.svp.org.uk>

### **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.

### **St Joseph's RC Church Woodford Lane Winsford CW7 2JS**

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“United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind”  
Philippians 2:2

<b>12th AUGUST 2018 19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 11th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Rob Doherty Birthday
Sunday 12th August	9:30am 11:00am	Jimmy O'Mara RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13th August	9:30am	Betty O'Grady RIP
Tuesday 14th August	10:30am	Requiem Mass – Elizabeth (Betty) O'Grady RIP
Wednesday 15th August <b>THE ASSUMPTION</b>	Noon 7pm	Pat Reid RIP Mary Manning RIP 100th birthday
Thursday 16th August	9:30am	Betty O'Grady RIP
Friday 17th August		No service
Saturday 18th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Hugh Duffy RIP Wedding Anniversary 62 years
Sunday 19th August	9:30am 11:00am	Pat Reid RIP People of the Parish
Monday 20th August	9:30am	Betty O'Grady 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 Mary Snape

**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.

**The Barnardo’s Winsford Store** based at Dingle Walk are currently looking to recruit volunteers to join their friendly team.

Pamela Wilkinson is the store manager and she would be happy to speak with any who would like to find out more, or you can drop into the shop for an informal chat or call the shop team on 01606 592442 to arrange a visit. Pamela’s e-mail address is [pamela.wilkinson@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:pamela.wilkinson@barnardos.org.uk) if you would like any further information or have any questions.

**St Joseph’s Got Talent**

Calling all our talented young parishioners – after last year’s wonderful display of varied talents by the children of the Parish, we’re going to have another ‘talent fest’ during this year’s end of summer fete. Whatever your talent – comedian, dance, singing, magic, ventriloquism, showcasing your football skills – sign up to perform live on stage. Performances must be no longer than 2.5 minutes. Everyone will receive a ‘certificate’ for participating. Any music or backing track needs to be pre-recorded (iphone or android can be plugged into sound system). Any equipment (tables, mats etc) need to be brought with you. Sign up sheet in the Porch. More details will be provided at the end of August.

**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 6 41-51**



At this, because he said, “I am the Bread that came down from heaven,” the Jews started arguing over him: “Isn’t this the son of Joseph? Don’t we know his father? Don’t we know his mother? How can he now say, ‘I came down out of heaven’ and expect anyone to believe him?”

Jesus said, “Don’t bicker among yourselves over me. You’re not in charge here. The Father who sent me is in charge. He draws people to me — that’s the only way you’ll ever come. Only then do I do my work, putting people together, setting them on their feet, ready for the End. This is what the prophets meant when they wrote, ‘And then they will all be personally taught by God.’ Anyone who has spent any time at all listening to the Father, really listening and therefore learning, comes to me to be taught personally - to see it with his own eyes, hear it with his own ears, from me, since I have it firsthand from the Father. No one has seen the Father except the One who has his Being alongside the Father—and you can see *me*.

“I’m telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: Whoever believes in me has real life, eternal life. I am the Bread of Life. Your ancestors ate the manna bread in the desert and died. But now here is Bread that truly comes down out of heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will not die, ever. I am the Bread – living Bread! - who came down out of heaven.



Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self.”

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August:**

A Holy Day of Obligation. There are 2 Masses on Wednesday, one at Noon and the other is at 7pm.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi