

Gospel Reflection

Every day in our world numerous people jockey for power, esteem and position. This need is so inherent in us human beings that often we do not recognise the subtle ways we strive for power, esteem or position.

I wonder if our need to serve others is as natural to us as our need and desire for recognition and power. Today take a few moments and ask yourself: How strong is my need for power and acclaim? How deep is my need to serve others? Which need comes first in my life?

The request of the apostles brings to light our natural desires to be approved of and rewarded in worldly terms. Jesus tells us his meaning of real greatness – service and the care of others. Realising that Jesus is our servant is what helps us to be servants to others.

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.

Belgian Beer Night: On Friday 7th December (7:30pm to 11:30pm). Tickets available from Phil Martin in advance of the night (07720 807162). Price is £10 for 2 beers (one draught and one bottle) plus food (Belgian Stew). More beers available to purchase on the night. £4 for those who only want the food. Pre-order forms will be made available before the event if you want to order additional beers for the Christmas period.

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

21st OCTOBER 2018 **29th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 20th October	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mrs K. Harrison RIP
Sunday 21st October	9:30am 11:00am	Micrupnair (Mitcheswav) Otol People of the Parish
Monday 22nd October	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass – John and Edna Ravenscroft sick Scripture Group
Tuesday 23rd October	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 24th October	7:00pm	Mass - Holy Souls
Thursday 25th October	9:30am	Mass – Fr Simon's Intentions
Friday 26th October	10:00am	School Mass
Saturday 27th October	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Frank Rose RIP
Sunday 28th October	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Joyce Davies
Monday 29th October	9:30am	Sick of the Parish

Mass Intentions: We would welcome Intentions for the weekday Masses.

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 Marie Noad

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.

Coffee Morning: Last week's Coffee Morning raised a total of £159. Thanks again to our organisers and those who came along. Our next Coffee morning is on Tuesday 13th November.

Bingo Night: Friday 23rd November, doors open at 7pm and the bingo starts at 7:30pm. We would be grateful for donations of Prizes for this event. And of course your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out. The money raised on the Bingo Night is to pay for essential equipment and electrical works in the Parish Centre. Tickets are now on sale.

LPA Shrines of France 2019: St John Vianney Parish have organised a coach trip for 5th - 13th September 2019 to Lisieux, Nevers, Lourdes and Paris. Cost is £660, full details can be found in the forms in the outer porch.

Spiritan's Missionary Appeal: Fr Desmond has asked us to thank everyone for the warm welcome extended to him – and for your generosity in the Collection. A cheque has been sent to the Spiritans for £550.

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 10 35 – 45

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to him.
"Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us."

"What is it? I'll see what I can do."

"Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honour in your glory - one of us at your right, the other at your left."

Jesus said, "You have no idea what you're asking. Are you capable of drinking the cup I drink, of being baptized in the baptism I'm about to be plunged into?"

"Sure," they said. "Why not?"

Jesus said, "Come to think of it, you *will* drink the cup I drink, and be baptised in my baptism. But as to awarding places of honour, that's not my business. There are other arrangements for that."

When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John.

Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served – and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."



Parish Administrator: We are looking to find a person to take over as Parish Administrator. Derek has been carrying out this role since 2011 and he has decided to retire next month.

If you would like to volunteer to take over will you please speak to Fr Simon. Or, if you would like to know what it involves, you can contact Derek. **Derek is definitely finishing so we need to find a replacement pretty quickly.**

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi