

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

We frequently hear the phrase, "the signs of the times". This gospel deals with the signs of the end-times. Is there a certain tension between the description of these events (taken in part from the Book of Daniel) and the last verse which states that "about that day or hour no one knows...but only the Father"?

Some Christians have been led astray by becoming fixated on signs of various sorts and prophesying the imminent end of the world. It may be more prudent to expect the unexpected and simply be ready to welcome the Son of Man whenever he comes. In the meantime be consoled by Jesus' words: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away".



Parish Christmas Afternoon – Monday 10th December at St Nicholas Catholic High School: We would like to invite members of the parish to join us for an Afternoon Tea Christmas Celebration here at the School. The afternoon will last from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and will include refreshments and entertainment. We may be able to provide some transport if needed. In the first instance we can offer twelve spaces per parish.. Please let Fr Simon know if you wish to attend so that they have an idea of the numbers. Tickets and further details shortly.

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.

There are no Baptism meetings now until the first Friday of January 2019.

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

18th NOVEMBER 2018 33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 17th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tony Kearns RIP
Sunday 18th November	9:30am 11:00am	Bernard Cannon RIP People of the Parish
Monday 19th November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 20th November		No service
Wednesday 21st November	7:15pm	No service Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 22nd November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 23rd November	7pm	No service Bingo Night (start time 7:30pm)
Saturday 24th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Paul John Gardner RIP
Sunday 25th November	9:30am 11:00am	People of the parish Jobal Oliveros 1 st year anniversary
Monday 26th November	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion

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 Steve Orford

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.



Gospel Reading Mark 13 24 – 32

Jesus said to his disciples.
“Watch out. I’ve given you fair warning.

“Following those hard times, Sun will fade out, moon cloud over, Stars fall out of the sky, cosmic powers tremble.

“And then they’ll see the Son of Man enter in grand style, his Arrival filling the sky - no one will miss it! He’ll dispatch the angels; they will pull in the chosen from the four winds, from pole to pole.

“Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer’s just around the corner. And so it is with you. When you see all these things, you know he is at the door. Don’t take this lightly. I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too - these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.

“But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven’s angels, not even the Son. Only the Father.”



Christ the King Sunday: Celebrate this day with St Nicholas Catholic High School and the parish communities at St Wilfrid’s RC Church, Northwich on Sunday 25th November Mass – 5.30pm
Young people – Year 7 and above – come and help prepare from 4.00pm (parental consent form must be completed). Refreshments afterwards in the parish centre.

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.

Bingo Night: Friday 23rd November at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm). As usual 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.

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

Coffee Morning: Congratulations to our team for another successful Coffee morning which raised the sum of £169.

Our grateful thanks go to those who organised it and to those who came along and supported it.

Our next Coffee morning won’t be until January.

Confirmations: Congratulations to all the candidates who were confirmed at St Mary’s Church on Friday 16th November.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

St. John Vianney Trip:

A visit to Douai Abbey has been arranged 7th to 10th May 2019 by Fr Paul and is available to local parishes.

Cost: £190.00 which includes trips to Oxford and Winchester. More details to follow.

Scripture Group:

We have halted the Scripture study meetings for the winter and hope to begin again in the new year. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Scripture meetings over the years. It may be that parishioners would prefer to have some workshops/meetings on other elements of the faith and, if this is the case, please speak to Fr Simon so that we can look into providing this.

Children's Christmas Party: Sunday 16th December:

After 11am Mass. Shared table, games and a special guest. We would like parents to stay around to help with their own children (Coffees and teas will be provided). Should finish about 14:00.

Pensioner's Meal 9th December - noon onwards:

Please add your name(s) to the list in the porch if you would like to attend. If you have any special needs (dietary, transport to and fro, access arrangements, etc) please let us know. We would also welcome volunteers to assist on the day - and Raffle Prizes please.

St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Timperley

St Hugh's are advertising for a new Head Teacher. Please see the poster on the Notice Board.

Parish Trip to York – Friday 14th December: We are planning a Coach Trip to York. A magical experience – visit the Christmas Markets, York Minster, the Shambles, Margaret Clitherow's House, The Railway Museum – and much more. See York in all its glory. Please sign up on the clipboard in the porch ASAP. Price is £20 per person. Well worth a visit if you haven't been – or even if you have been before.