

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

John was a great man, a prophet of God. Jesus said he was the greatest among those born under the old covenant.

John was never greater than Jesus. He was the one who prepared the way of the Lord. John rolled out the red carpet for the one coming, the greater one.

As children of the new covenant, none of us is greater than Jesus, nor greater than anyone else.

All of our actions, words, relationships are to prepare the way for the one greater.

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

Food Bank With Christmas approaching the need for food is even greater. It would be marvellous if each person brought in one item each week during Advent. Please help those in need of food so that they too can enjoy the Festive Season. Urgently needed items: jam, cereal, tinned meat and long-life fruit juice.

Coffee morning Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 10:30am. Come along and join in the fun, everyone is welcome.

Prisoner Outreach Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time? The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of volunteers who have been voluntarily working in HM Prisons and supplies copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to prisoners. Drop your loose change into the bottle on the bookshelves in the porch and help to support this organisation.

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.

9th DECEMBER 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Harriet Mathews RIP
Sunday 9th December	9:30am 11:00am Noon	People of the Parish Deceased members of the O'Donnell and Barrett family Pensioners meal
Monday 10th December	9:30am	Mrs Kathleen Harrison RIP
Tuesday 11th December	9:30am	Michael and all the Hollinrake and Jennings families living or deceased
Wednesday 12th December	7:00pm 7:45pm	Jack 12 years old 1st Op Great Ormond Str Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 13th December	9:30am	School Mass - Mary & William Cannon Birthday
Friday 14th December		No service Parish Trip to York
Saturday 15th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Jack 12 years old 1st Op Great Ormond Str
Sunday 16th December	9:30am 11:00am Noon	Albert Quinn RIP People of the Parish Children's party
Monday 17th December	9:30am	Vincent Cannon RIP Anniversary

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 Martin Kavanagh

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated by M Rimmer

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.

Memorial Plaques As you will know, there are plaques on the back of the chairs in church to remember friends and relatives who have died. As the chairs are now all taken up - we have obtained a Memorial Board which will be erected in the church. If you would like to have a plaque placed on the board please can you write the name of the deceased person/people on a note and hand it to Fr Simon. We would ask for a donation of £5 towards the cost of having the plaque engraved.

Trip to York The coach pick up times on Friday 14th are as follows: 7:45am – St Wilfred’s; 8:05am – St Joseph’s; 8:15am – St Mary’s

Church Choir If you like to sing, or can play any instrument, we are always looking for new talent. We practise every Wednesdays at 7.15pm in the church – all comers welcome! The only expectation is that you would join us regularly for this practice session. This week the practise is after the 7pm Mass.

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 Luke 3: 1-6



In the fifteenth year of the rule of Caesar Tiberius—it was while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea; Herod, ruler of Galilee; his brother Philip, ruler of Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias, ruler of Abilene; during the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—John, Zachariah’s son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Thunder in the desert!
“Prepare God’s arrival!
Make the road smooth and straight!
Every ditch will be filled in,
Every bump smoothed out,
The detours straightened out,
All the ruts paved over.
Everyone will be there to see
The parade of God’s salvation.”



School Vacancy St Joseph’s school have two Midday Assistants vacancies. Please see the notice board for more details on the job description or go to the website <http://www.stjosephs.cheshire.sch.uk/>.

School Mass Everyone is welcome to come to the School Mass on Thursday morning.

Little Church We are looking for more volunteers to help with the Little Church at 11am. If anyone is interested in helping, please speak with Elaine after the 11am Mass. Elaine will continue to help with the Little Church, you would not be expected to do the Little Church every week.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”
St Francis of Assisi