

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Jesus spoke of God as his Father, and made his home in God's house. Yes, at the end of this passage he went back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph, and learned how to fix doors and make stools, but his real home was his Father's house in Jerusalem. And it was in Jerusalem in the run up to Good Friday that Jesus spoke again of his Father's house, this time to the disciples. In John 14, Jesus says, "My Father's house has many rooms ... I am going there to prepare a place for you." A room. For you. In the Father's house. Wow!

The Father's house has room for me too. That's my real home. Yes, at present I live with my family, but my real home is in my Father's house.

Jesus knew his real home. Where is yours? Nazareth with the wood and saws, or in your Father's house?

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.

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.

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

30th DECEMBER 2018 THE HOLY FAMILY (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 29th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracey Simpson RIP
Sunday 30th December	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Betty O'Grady RIP
Monday 31st December New Year's Eve	10:00am	Hugh Duffy RIP Anniversary
Tuesday 1st January 2019 New Year's Day	10:30am	Mass - Sick
Wednesday 2nd January	Noon	Priya Stokes RIP 1st Anniversary
Thursday 3rd January	10:00am	Marie Minton
Friday 4th January		No service
Saturday 5th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Christine Davey
Sunday 6th January	9:30am 11:00am	Michael and all the Hollindrake and Jennings Family living or deceased People of the Parish
Monday 7th January		No service

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 Monica Magee

**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.

Prayers for John Please keep John – our Saturday organist – in your prayers. He can hardly walk now because of his knee, but the good news is he has been given the go ahead for a new knee. There is no date yet for the operation, but he is hoping it will be soon. John hopes to be back with us soon so please remember him in your prayers.

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.

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 2 41 - 52



Every year Jesus' parents travelled to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up as they always did for the Feast. When it was over and they left for home, the child Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents didn't know it. Thinking he was somewhere in the company of pilgrims, they journeyed for a whole day and then began looking for him among relatives and neighbours. When they didn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem looking for him.

The next day they found him in the Temple seated among the teachers, listening to them and asking questions. The teachers were all quite taken with him, impressed with the sharpness of his answers. But his parents were not impressed; they were upset and hurt.

His mother said, "Young man, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been half out of our minds looking for you."

He said, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?" But they had no idea what he was talking about.

So he went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.



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.

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