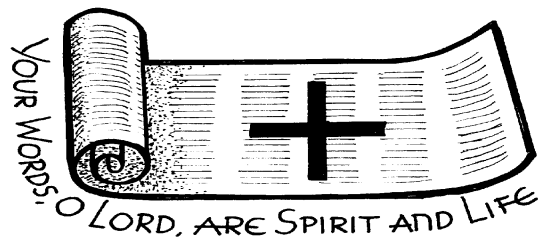


# NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection

Today, Jesus invites us to share in his ministry. He has anointed us and sent us to “proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, free the oppressed and proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” This is our call no matter who we are. Jesus empowers us to heal and to preach His Word. We may not have the ability to “free” every captive. However, if we love one another unconditionally, our love and care may “free” a person of their loneliness or despair. Or perhaps, we may help “lift” someone’s oppression of body, mind or spirit. We are not Jesus, but Jesus has commissioned us to be his disciples on this earth. As his disciples, we are called to share the good news and help anyone who is in need.

Today be attentive to the individuals you may encounter who may be “bound.” Strive to open the minds and hearts of the individuals who yearn to see God. Help lift someone’s burden of mind, body and spirit. You and I are called to walk in Jesus’ footsteps, and if we do so, we may give a simple but great gift to a person who is in need.



### **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

<b>27th JANUARY 2019</b> <b>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 26th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Christine Davey RIP
Sunday 27th January	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Tina Charters
Monday 28th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 29th January		No service
Wednesday 30th January		No service Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 31st January	7:15pm 9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 1st February		No service
Saturday 2nd February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John and Edna Ravencroft
Sunday 3rd February	9:30am 11:00am	Christine Davey RIP People of the Parish
Monday 4th February	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Whilst Father Simon is away we welcome back Father Colin Wilson who is celebrating our weekend 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 Katherine Fallon

**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.

**Bingo Night prizes** We are collecting prizes for our next bingo night. If you would like to donate your unwanted Christmas gifts we would be really pleased to have them.

You can leave the gifts in the Sacristy marked 'Bingo' or give them to Pat McQuillan or Ann Hayes. The proceeds of our next bingo night is to help with the expenses of the young pupils from St Nicholas High School who are going to help the sick in Lourdes.

**Coffee Morning** The coffee morning on Tuesday raised £133. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who organised the event. Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am.

### 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 1 1 – 4 4 14 – 21

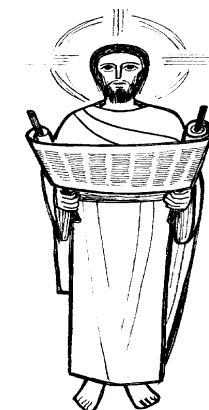


So many others have tried their hand at putting together a story of the wonderful harvest of Scripture and history that took place among us, using reports handed down by the original eyewitnesses who served this Word with their very lives. Since I have investigated all the reports in close detail, starting from the story's beginning, I decided to write it all out for you, most honourable Theophilus, so you can know beyond the shadow of a doubt the reliability of what you were taught.

Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

*God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, He has sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"*



He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, *"You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."*

**Salt for the Winter** A supply of salt is available in the outer porch. Please use this to make safe the steps in front of the church entrance doors during icy weather.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi