

Gospel Reflection

There is very little job satisfaction in being a prophet.

When the prophet talks to their own people it is too close. The prophet won't be fooled – they have been there. God has shown them the error of their ways – has taught them about tough love- has impressed on them the need to speak out. Given them His Son as an example. And, like him, they are unable to force their belief, their message onto our lifestyle – it is always our choice.

But when they speak - It is the magnifying mirror held up to the truth when we've been happy with the lies; The knowing of hidden secrets and furtive lives. It is uncovering the layers of pretence and glamour to show the cracks and pock marks. It's the BIG question when we don't want to admit to knowing the answer; The direct approach when we play the avoidance technique on a grand scale.

The prophet in our midst only ever wants one thing – what God wants – and they both know us too well to take 'No' or even 'Yes, but...' for an answer. And that doesn't make it easy – for them or for us.

St Luke's Hospice An appeal by St Luke's Hospice has been made for volunteer befrienders to support those in the community who have a palliative condition and are feeling lonely and isolated. If you are over the age of 18 and are interested in volunteering for this wonderful role, you can find out more information on the St Luke's website <https://www.slhospice.co.uk/>

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

3rd FEBRUARY 2019 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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
Tuesday 5th February		No service
Wednesday 6th February	7:15pm	No service Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 7th February	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 8th February		No service
Saturday 9th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Christine Davey RIP
Sunday 10th February	9:30am 11:00am	Maureen Lister People of the Parish
Monday 11th February	9:30am	Megan Lockett

We welcome back Father Colin whilst Father Simon is away on holiday

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 Phil Martin

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.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unused spectacles and cases.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts We are collecting prizes for our next bingo. 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 is to help with the expenses of the young ones from St Nicholas High School who are going to help the sick in Lourdes. Thank you.

Coffee Morning Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 19th February at 10:30am. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits, Bingo and a Bring and Buy Sale. 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 4 21 – 30

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, 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.”*

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, *“Isn’t this Joseph’s son, the one we’ve known since he was a youngster?”*

He answered, *“I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian.”*

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

The Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitalite

The Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitalite will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with mass [at 3.30pm on Sunday 10th February](#) at St Hugh and St John RC Church, 314 Manchester Road, Timperley WA14 5NB. (Please use the postcode WA14 5HL for the car park).

Mass will be followed by tea, coffee and cake in the parish hall. All are welcome especially member of the Hospitalite and past and current pilgrims.

The Hospitalite look forward to seeing you all there.

Day of Reflection

A prayerful reflection on "**The Humanity of Christ**" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 16 February 2019. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day which starts at 9.30am and finishes around 4.30pm ish. The venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947).

The venue is near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport.

Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy, established 18 years ago and operating under the auspices of Churches Together in Cheshire (Registered Charity No: 1115015), seeks to appoint:

Assistant Chaplain/Case Worker This position requiring 13-18 hours a week, subject to negotiation, is to support the work of the Lead Agricultural Chaplain in providing pastoral care for the agricultural community in Cheshire and surrounding areas. It is hoped for an early appointment. Payment will be at the rate of £12.50 per hour. The post is for an initial period of two years, with the possibility of further extension, subject to continuing funding.

Completed applications are required for 5th March. It is hoped to interview on 15th March.

For full details of this post and an application form, either printed or electronic, please contact Andrew Taylor on 01270 780529 or by e-mail at: ceo.ctic@gmail.com