

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Four contrasts are referred to in these few scripture verses – poverty/riches; hunger/fullness; sorrow/laughter; and defamation/commendation. Jesus upturns the values we would normally consider desirable. He asks us to realise that we are not living simply to be happy in this life but we should ask ourselves the deeper value of our ways of life in the light of what we can bring with us to eternal life.

The Christian view of life is that we should never forget that things cannot be brought with us into eternal life. Rather, we only take with us the things we have given away – even if it's only a cup of water given in the name of Jesus (Matthew 10:42).

The kingdom of God is mysterious, because it is God's project working out silently in human history. But from this text we know some of those who will be in it. The poor and the hungry will be there. So will those who weep, and also the dominated, the persecuted, the outcasts of the earth. What an extraordinary group! Those who are at the bottom of the human pyramid will be rejoicing and leaping for joy at God's goodness to them.

When my heart is breaking because of the misery of so many today, I must not think that God has forgotten them. Instead I thank God that for them the best is yet to come, and I ask to be included among them, at least as someone who cares about them.

Prisoner Outreach: Please continue to bring in your loose change and leave the money in 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.

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

17th FEBRUARY 2019 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 16th February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Peter and Briga Reid in Thanksgiving
Sunday 17th February	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Maureen Ann Lister
Monday 18th February	9:30am	Christine Davey RIP
Tuesday 19th February	9:30am 10:30am	Valente Soares, Anacleto agno, Florentina Magno, Maria Santiago, Felix De Andrade, Josefa Da Resoracao, Feliciano Da Costa, Candido De Araujo and Edi Freitas Coffee morning
Wednesday 20th February	Noon 7:15pm	Bernhard Bradbury RIP Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 21st February	9:30am	Charles Jones
Friday 22nd February		No service
Saturday 23rd February	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 24th February	9:30am 11:00am	Laffey Family Special Intentions Joyce Davies RIP
Monday 25th February	9:30am	Dr Gabriel Murphy

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 Pat Mundy

**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.

<p>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.</p>
<p>Parish Council Meeting: There is a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th February at 7:30pm. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns please tell Fr Simon or Phil Martin.</p>
<p>Bingo Night: We are collecting prizes for our next bingo night on Friday 5th April, doors open at 7pm and the bingo starts at 7:30pm. If you would like to donate prizes for the bingo night 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 ones from St Nicholas High School who are going to help the sick in Lourdes. Thank you.</p>

<p>PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES</p> <p>If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162</p>

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.

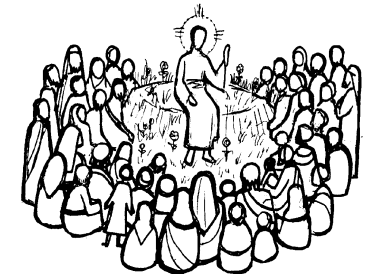
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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Coming down off the mountain with them, he stood on a plain surrounded by disciples, and was soon joined by a huge congregation from all over Judea and Jerusalem, even from the seaside towns of Tyre and Sidon. Then he spoke:



You're blessed when you've lost it all.
God's kingdom is there for the finding.
You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry.
Then you're ready for the Messianic meal.
You're blessed when the tears flow freely.
Joy comes with the morning.



“Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do . . . and all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this.

But it's trouble ahead if you think you have it made.
What you have is all you'll ever get.
And it's trouble ahead if you're satisfied with yourself.
Your self will not satisfy you for long.
And it's trouble ahead if you think life's all fun and games.
There's suffering to be met, and you're going to meet it.

“There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests—look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular.”

<p>Appeal for Wool: If anyone has any spare wool that they would like to donate please bring it in for Christine Hanson. Thank you.</p>
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“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”
St Francis of Assisi

Votive Candles

Our insurance Company have advised us that recently there has been a fire in a church in Scotland. The candles were left burning when the church was closed and locked after Mass ended. The fire damage was not insignificant - the cost of repairs to smoke damage is in excess of £100,000 - and so we are asked that as a matter of sensible fire safety all lit Votive candles are extinguished before the building is closed and left unoccupied. Rest assured they will be re-lit later.

Your Help Please !!!

There have been several incidents recently where a problem has occurred – but we were not informed. Two examples were – all the electrical power was lost due to a fuse tripping, a roof leak occurred flooding the church carpet. If you are aware of any such incidents can you please ensure that you notify Fr Simon or Rebecca Finnegan ASAP. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy

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