

Gospel Reflection

God is a mystery. God's Presence is enveloped in mystery. In fact, coming into God's Presence isn't like downloading a set of search results. It's like entering a thick cloud, where everything is obscured. Distorted. Colourless. Disorientated.

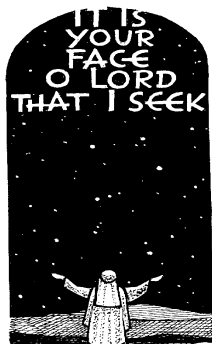
But, there, in the midst of the cloud is the Presence of God who has come to be with you.

As Christians, we need to learn how to sit in the cloud. We need to teach patience, and how to be comfortable not knowing about something, but rather really knowing Something.

Moses came down from the clouded mountain with his face radiant—changed. Because it's in the cloud that we're changed.

Peter, James, and John are changed on that mountain—forever. And, not because they learned lots of fun-filled facts. In reality, they probably descended with more questions than answers.

But, like Moses, they met the Living God. And, that's what changes us. That's what alters the course of our lives. And, as Christians, that's what we're all about: being in God's Presence.



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

17th MARCH 2019 **2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 16th March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March	9:30am 11:00am Noon	Father Simon's Intentions Tony Kearns RIP Family Fun day
Monday 18th March	9:30am	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 19th March	9:30am 10:30am	Bernard Cannon RIP Coffee morning
Wednesday 20th March	Noon 7:15pm	Jack Hunt Anniversary RIP Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 21st March	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 22nd March		No service
Saturday 23rd March	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Godfrey RIP
Sunday 24th March	9:30am 11:00am	William and Mary Cannon People of the Parish
Monday 25th March	9:30am	Harry Kelly RIP

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 John Hughes

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

PRISONER OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their loose change for The Prisoner Outreach Organisation. 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.

Food Bank: In the past week the mid-Cheshire Food Bank fed 93 people including 36 children, so please continue to donate food during Lent. The Food Bank urgently need the following - Instant soup, Long life milk, Potatoes, Tinned fish.

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. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Coffee morning: The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 19th March at 10:30am. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits, Bingo and a Bring and Buy Sale. Everyone is welcome.

On a lighter note: How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it ☺

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 9 28 – 36

Jesus climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah - and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus,

“Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking.

While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud:

“This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”

When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.



Gift Aid: In early April we will be claiming the Tax Refunds for the Tax Year 2018-19 on Offertory Donations from those parishioners who Gift Aid.

If you are no longer paying Income Tax will you please let us know – you can advise us either by writing to us, or by emailing the parish on - stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk - or by telephoning George Snape on 01606 557201

If you are still paying Income Tax there is no need for you to take any action.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi