

## Gospel Reflection

"We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can't see the stars. God's mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness.' So when Jesus acts as confessor to the woman he does not humiliate her, he does not say: 'What have you done? When did you do it? How did you do it? With whom did you do it?' No! He says: 'Go and do not sin again!' God's mercy is great, Jesus's mercy is great.

We find the warm and open heart of Jesus hard to take. It seems too good to be true that God is so forgiving. One way to understand God's mercy is to allow ourselves be forgiven and show mercy. It is the sort of mercy a parent shows when they still believe in their child who has done great wrong. Trainee teachers were sometimes told – 'when a child really drives you mad, remember he has a mother who loves him'! A help to show mercy is to see the mercy in the eye of God for someone with whom we have a big difference.

Mercy when we receive it helps us show mercy ourselves. When we are hard on others, it's sometimes because we are hard on ourselves and cannot really believe we are loved. The light of God's mercy is bright enough that you can no longer see the stars that are our sins and faults and failings. Maybe Jesus means something like this when he says that he is the light of the world.

**On a lighter note:** Spotted on a church notice board:  
"Love your enemies; After all, You made them."

**Extinction Rebellion!** Urgent Meeting on Climate Change. Hear about how to take Direct Action before it's too late!!  
Everybody welcome! Admission free.  
Tue April 9th 8pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

### **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

**St Joseph's RC Church**  
**Woodford Lane**  
**Winsford**  
**CW7 2JS**

Parish Priest- Fr Simon O'Connor  
Tel: 01606 543877  
Website; [www.stjosephs-winsford.org.uk](http://www.stjosephs-winsford.org.uk)  
email: [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)  
General Queries – contact Rebecca Vickers  
Tel: 07939 294442  
email: [rebeccafinnegan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rebeccafinnegan@hotmail.co.uk)  
Diocese of Shrewsbury Registered Charity No 234025



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

### **7th APRIL 2019** **5th SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 6th April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Andrew Bradshaw RIP
Sunday 7th April	9:30am 11:00am	Laffey family special intentions People of the Parish
Monday 8th April	9:30am	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 9th April	9:30am 8:00pm	Joe Davies Climate Change meeting
Wednesday 10th April	Noon	Holy Souls
Thursday 11th April	9:30am	Persecuted Christians
Friday 12th April		No service
Saturday 13th April	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Noel Stewart RIP
Sunday 14th April	9:30am 11:00am	Bob and Vincent Fitzsimons RIP People of the Parish
Monday 15th April	9:30am	Father Simon's Intentions

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 Joan Corteen

### WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

### 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.

**St George's Day Night:** Our annual St. George's Fish and Chip Supper night will be on Friday 26th April 2019. The evening will start at approx. 1930. Food will be served at approx. 2030. Menus and lists are in the porch. Money to be given in advance of the night either to Phil or left in the safe (Make sure you provide your name and amount on the envelope). All monies to be paid no later than Tuesday 23rd April. We will have a short quiz prior to the food arriving (One for the kids and one for the bigger kids).

**Coffee morning:** The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. There will be tea and coffee, cakes and biscuits, Bingo and a Bring and Buy Sale. everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and cake.

**Job vacancy:** Caritas are looking for 2 part time (21hrs & 28hrs term time only) early help support workers. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

### 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.

.....  
St Joseph pray for us

### Gospel Reading John 8 1 – 11

Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them.

The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, *"Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?"* They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, *"The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone."* Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. *"Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?"*

*No one, Master."*

*"Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin."*



**WINGS donation:** Many of you will remember Fr Pat Clarke who has visited us on several occasions and told us about his "City of the Angels Project" and his work with the poor in Brazil. In the state of São Paulo, [Brazil](#), there has been heavy rain, flooding and landslides affected the Metropolitan Region of São Paulo State from Sunday 10 March, 2019.

Fr. Pat has told us that many of the houses in his area have been washed away and has asked if we can help. So we have sent £1,200 from our World In Need Group Account.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi