

Gospel Reflection

Holy Week begins with an unruly crowd looking for excitement and spectacle. This is 'crowd mentality'; this is diversion; this is a public expression of national and religious pride that suits everyone except the Romans. And that certainly suits Jesus' enemies. The common people will be dismayed when Jesus does not take on the role of freedom fighter; the religious will become more intimidated at Jesus' actions in the Temple and the Romans will simply seek to assert control.

Whether they believe that this man could be the Messiah is a moot point- it is a festival time and hope springs eternal. In the main they will be let down - Jesus is not that kind of man. Jesus has committed himself to a path that will end in betrayal, suffering and death. His choice has been made at the gates of David's city; the opportunity for escape into the Lenten wilderness- lost.

Today, we have the choice of how this entry in Jerusalem will continue for us. Will we follow on; sharing as much time as we can with Jesus in the days to come or will we allow ourselves to be distracted by the rest of the world; by the busy -ness of our lives – only remembering who it was we were cheering when the time comes to condemn him for having not lived up to our expectations.



Prisoner Outreach: Thank you for the recent donations to 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.

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
 email: stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk
 General Queries – contact Rebecca Vickers
 Tel: 07939 294442
 email: 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

14th APRIL 2019 PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
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
Tuesday 16th April	9:30am 10:30am	Betty O'Connor RIP and deceased members of the family Coffee morning
Wednesday 17th April		No service
Thursday 18th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Intention – Joyce Davies RIP Followed by watching till 10pm
Friday 19th April GOOD FRIDAY	12:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross for Children Celebration of the Lords Passion Service of Tenebrae
HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm	The Great Vigil - People of the Parish
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am 11:00am	Margaret Matthams RIP Joe Davies
Monday 22nd April		No service

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 Martin Beveridge

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

*"Preach the Gospel
always, if necessary use
words"*

St Francis of Assisi

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).

Bingo Night: The Bingo Night on Friday 5th April made £1080. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes, those who supported the event on the night and to everyone who helped to organise the night.

Coffee morning: The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday April 16th 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.

.....
St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Luke 22

The feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was now drawing near, and the chief priests and the scribes were looking for some way of doing away with him, because they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve.

He approached the chief priests and the officers of the guard to discuss some way of handing Jesus over to them. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He accepted and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them without people knowing about it.

The day of Unleavened Bread came round, on which the Passover had to be sacrificed, and he sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and make the preparations for us to eat the Passover.'

They asked him, 'Where do you want us to prepare it?'

He said to them, 'Look, as you go into the city you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house he enters and tell the owner of the house, "The Master says this to you: Where is the room for me to eat the Passover with my disciples?" The man will show you a large upper room furnished with couches. Make the preparations there.'

They set off and found everything as he had told them and prepared the Passover.

When the time came he took his place at table, and the apostles with him.

And he said to them, 'I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; because, I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'

Then, taking a cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and share it among you, because from now on, I tell you, I shall never again drink wine until the kingdom of God comes.'

Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you.'



Sponsorship request

Tony Montgomery is running the Manchester Half Marathon with his daughter Lucy to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. Tony and Lucy would very much appreciate sponsorship to help the hospice in its work in helping so many patients and their families. There is a sponsorship form in the porch if anyone would like to donate to the Hospice. Thank you.

St Nicholas to Lourdes

St Nicholas is again joining the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 25th July to 2nd August. This is open to students from St Nicholas who are in Year 11,12 or 13. Booking forms and more information are available from Mairie Gelling, the school chaplain. Bookings need to be made by the end of April.

Food for Thought

Thank you to everybody who has donated food items during the Lent period. In the past week the mid-Cheshire foodbank has fed 109 people, including 39 children. To help more people they urgently need the following -

Medium size boxes of cereal

Sponge puddings

Tinned fruit

Tinned potatoes

Instant mash

Raffle Tickets

There are some raffle ticket prizes from the Bingo Night, the winning tickets still to be claimed are: green ticket 141-145, white ticket 91-95, white again 316-320, blue and white ticket 101-105.