

Gospel Reflection

What are the greatest examples of love you can think of? We might think of some great poems and sonnets and love songs that have been written that express the emotion of love. But in reality, love is intensely practical. The hospice nurse caring for the dying patient. The mother clearing up her child's sick in the middle of the night. The Foodbank staff listening to a client and providing for their needs. The parents who sacrifice their own dreams for the sake of their children. These are examples of love – love that is intensely practical...

Jesus' death on the cross was intensely practical. It wasn't a glorious chapter in his life; he was alone, he was in pain, he had to grit his teeth and just get on with it. That is practical love in action.

We too are called to practical love: to meet the needs of others in pragmatic ways that speak of love and care and compassion. We can't walk by on the other side of the road. We are to meet needs wherever and whenever we can.

Practical love that is worked out in kindness and gentleness and patience and hospitality.

And we pray for ourselves that, as time goes by, we may increasingly model ourselves after the example of Jesus and fulfil the commandment to love as he has loved us.



Blackpool Trip: We are having a day trip to Blackpool on Saturday 26th October £10 per person. Please put your name on the form in the porch if you want to attend. A deposit of £5 is required, booking early is essential as many were disappointed last year. We will leave St Joseph's at 10am and travel home through the lights.

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

19th MAY 2019 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 18th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 19th May	9:30am 11:00am	Children making their First Communion Children making their First Communion
Monday 20th May	9:30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 21st May	1:15pm	Requiem Mass – Margi Simpson RIP
Wednesday 22nd May	Noon 7:15pm	Father Colin's granddaughter (sick) Music Ministry Rehearsal
Thursday 23rd May		<u>No service (Elections)</u>
Friday 24th May		No service
Saturday 25th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Sunday 26th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Joyce Davies RIP
Monday 27th May	10:00am	Tony, Patrick & Ellen Kearns RIP

We would welcome Mass Intentions, especially for weekdays.

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 Ann Cain

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.

Key Holders: Several times recently it has been found that the porch doors have not been properly locked (on one occasion the outer porch door was left ajar) - and/or that the Alarm hasn't been set. Would all key holders please ensure that both doors in the "old" porch and the "new" porch have been locked – and the alarm is activated. Thank you for your co-operation.

Food Bank: In the past week the mid Cheshire foodbank fed 99 people, including 41 children. Thank you to everybody who donates food and to the Food Bank volunteers. To help more people the Food Bank urgently need the following – **Tinned fish (ZERO STOCK), Rice pudding, Small & medium boxes of cereal.** Large or small, all food donations are gratefully received.

Coffee morning: Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised the sum of £147. Thanks to everyone who organised the coffee morning and to those who came to support it. The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday June 11th at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and cake.

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

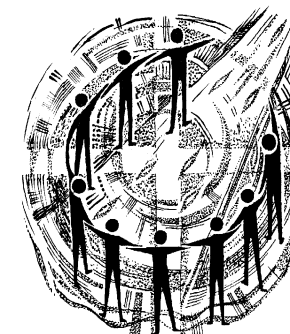
Gospel Reading John 13 31 – 35

Judas, with the piece of bread, left. It was night.

When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified - glory all around!

"Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.'

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other."



Alcoholics Anonymous: There is an Open Meeting on Wednesday 5th June in The Social Centre at St. Josephs RC church to learn more about the illness which is affecting so many people, their families, and loved ones today. Doors open at 7:30pm when tea, coffee, and biscuits will be served before the meeting starts at 8:00pm. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

The Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation: The Feast of the Ascension is on May 30th this year. The Mass times are as follows:
Wednesday 29th May – Vigil Mass at 7pm
Thursday 30th May – Mass at 10am

☺ Why didn't they play cards on the Ark? Because Noah was always standing on the deck.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi