

# NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection

To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Abraham put his trust in God and made God's word the foundation of his life and the bedrock of his faith. Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to proclaim that Jesus was truly the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God.

The New Testament describes the church, the people of God, as a spiritual house and temple of the Holy Spirit with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks - spiritual stones. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: Who do you say that I am?

"Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Savior who has set me free from sin and deception. Make my faith strong like the Apostles Peter and Paul and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you as Lord and Savior."

**WINGS** If you have any Euros or Dollars left over from your holidays please put them into the Bottle in the Porch. **But please – only Euros & Dollars!**

**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. **Please only use sterling for this jar!** Thank you to everyone who has donated to WINGS & the Prisoner Outreach programme.

### 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

30th JUNE 2019 ST PETER & ST PAUL (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 29th June	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Blaine Slater sick
Sunday 30th June	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Bridie Lacking
Monday 1st July	9:30am	Gordon Noad RIP
Tuesday 2nd July	11:00am 8:00pm	Requiem Mass – Patricia Horne RIP Extinction Rebellion meeting
Wednesday 3rd July	Noon	Private intention
Thursday 4th July	9:30am	Ron Callow RIP
Friday 5th July		No service
Saturday 6th July	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Pat Horne RIP
Sunday 7th July	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Miriam & Family intentions
Monday 8th July	9:30am	Nancy Lyons 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 – Mrs Alison Waldecker

**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.

**SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

**St Nicholas High School Open Evening:** The school are having an open evening on Tuesday 2nd July from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Particularly for Year 5 students but everyone is welcome to come along.

**St Lukes Hospice Midnight Walk:** Megan Lockett is doing the St Luke’s Midnight Walk on 29<sup>th</sup> June. There is a sheet in the porch for donations, any donations would be gratefully received.

**Coffee morning:** The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, there will be tea, coffee, cake, bingo and a bring and buy sale. Please come along and support this event.

**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** Matt 16:13-19



When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?”

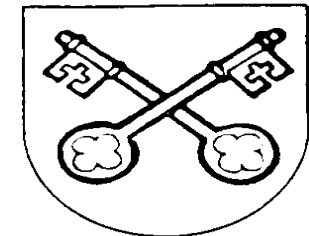
They replied, “Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

He pressed them, “And how about you? Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter said, “You’re the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus came back, “God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn’t get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I’m going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

“And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.”



**St Nicholas River Run:** On 21st September 2019, St Nicholas' invites as many runners as possible to take part in the first ever 'St Nicholas River Run'. Go to the website for more information:

<https://st-nicholas.niftyentries.com/St-Nicholas-River-Run-2019>

**Extinction rebellion:** Next meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi