

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The instinct of Christians will always be to avoid confrontation where possible; to promote reconciliation, harmony, dialogue, mutual respect. Still, conflicts will arise, not only between Christians and non believers, but even, alas, between Christians themselves. It's good for us to be reminded of this, to expect it, not to be overly alarmed by it when it comes. What we have to do above all is remain deeply united to Jesus, leaving the outcome of our lives in his hands. And at every holy Eucharist we have to ask the Lord to send down his fire into our hearts, into our lives; to transform us by his Holy Spirit: so that we truly become ablaze with his love.

When St. Teresa of Avila travelled about Spain founding monasteries of her Carmelite Reform, she took with her an uneducated lay sister called Anne of St. Bartholomew. After Teresa's death, this sister against her will was promoted to the Choir, and then elected Prioress. She was subsequently asked not only to found new monasteries herself, but to do so in foreign countries. She complained to God in prayer: Lord, can you ask all this of me? I am nothing but straw! And he replied: Ah, but it is with straws like this that I light my fire.



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

18th AUGUST 2019 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 17th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Hugh Duffy RIP
Sunday 18th August	9:30am 11:00am	Maureen Laffey RIP People of the Parish
Monday 19th August	9:30am	Winefride Cannon RIP
Tuesday 20th August	9:30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 21st August	Noon	Sr. Mary Megan
Thursday 22nd August	9:30am	Private Intention
Friday 23rd August		No service
Saturday 24th August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mrs Kath Harrison RIP
Sunday 25th August	9:30am 11:00am	Kathleen Higgins RIP People of the Parish
Monday 26th August		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 – Mrs E Colgan

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

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated
by Irene Duffy

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.

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!** So far £233 has been donated for Prisoner Outreach, thank you
to everyone who has donated their loose change.

Coffee morning: The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday September
24th at 10:30am, 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:

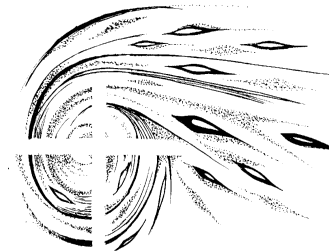
Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 49-53



I came to set fire to the earth, and I wish it
were already on fire!



I am going to be put to a hard test. And I
will have to suffer a lot of pain until it is
over.

Do you think that I came to bring peace
to earth? No indeed!
I came to make people choose sides.

A family of five will be divided, with two of them against the other
three. Fathers and sons will turn against one another, and mothers and
daughters will do the same.

Mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law will also turn against each other.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"
St Francis of Assisi

Foodbank: In the past week the mid-Cheshire Foodbank fed 120 people,
including 58 children. Thank-you to everybody who donates, to help
more people the Foodbank urgently need the following - Tinned Fruit,
Tinned Vegetables, Cuppa Soup & Jam.

Wildlife Watch: A peregrine falcon has taken up residence at St John's
Church up the road. Often seen perched on the side of the steeple.

Joke: A Priest said to a Gym Instructor "Can you teach me to do the
splits?" The Gym Instructor asked, "How flexible are you?" The Priest
replied, "I can make Sundays." 😊