

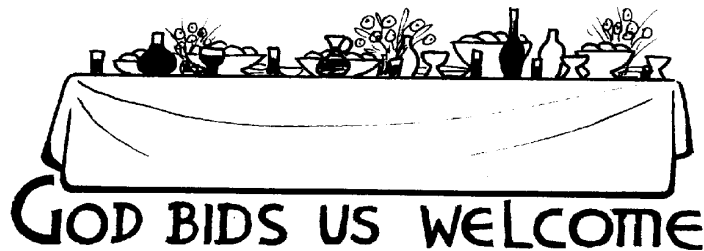
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Jesus has spent most of Luke's Gospel teaching us how to be disciples; we have the theory; we have sat and listened; we have been there whilst he was speaking. Perhaps we have not realised that there will be a 'test'. That the test is the day-to-day living of our life.

The theory is not the answer; it simply gives us the method; we have to put words into practice. To get up from our place at the Master's feet and walk the walk. It's like piling the shelves up with self-help guides to health, happiness and love and never trying any of it because the time is not right; like buying a membership to a gym and promising ourselves to go 'tomorrow'. The things that belong to 'tomorrow' are the very things that will weigh us down; distract us and stop us from being able to enter by the narrow door.

If we wish to cross the threshold we need something more than 'we know how to do it- we just haven't ever got round to it'. 'Tomorrow' sometimes has to become 'today'.



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

25th AUGUST 2019 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
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
Tuesday 27th August	1:30pm	Requiem Mass – Bobby Norris RIP
Wednesday 28th August	1:00pm	Requiem Mass – Julia Dickson RIP
Thursday 29th August	10:00am	Requiem Mass – Ron Langley RIP
Friday 30th August		No service
Saturday 31st August	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sunday 1st September	9:30am 11:00am	Fred Horrigan RIP Doreen Thomas RIP
Monday 2nd September	9:30am	Bobby Norris 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 Vivienne Powell

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.

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 in this bottle!**

Signs outside Churches:

- God didn't promise a calm passage. He promised a safe landing.
- Swallowing pride will never give you indigestion.
- There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.

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 13: 22-30

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he taught the people in the towns and villages. Someone asked him, *"Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"*

Jesus answered:

"Do all you can to go in by the narrow door! A lot of people will try to get in, but will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, you will be left standing outside. You will knock on the door and say, "Sir, open the door for us!"

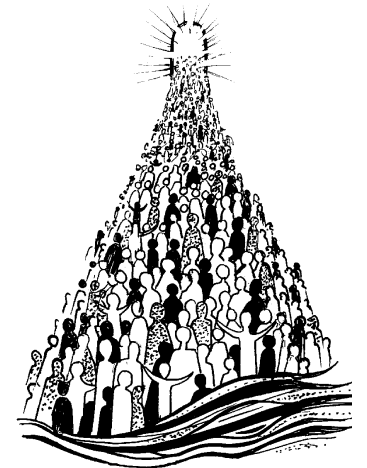
But the owner will answer, *"I don't know a thing about you!"*

Then you will start saying, *"We dined with you, and you taught in our streets."*

But he will say, *"I really don't know who you are! Get away from me, you evil people!"*

"Then when you have been thrown outside, you will weep and grit your teeth because you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's kingdom.

People will come from all directions and sit down to feast in God's kingdom. There, the ones who are now least important will be the most important, and those who are now most important will be least important".



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Joke Q: How many people can you fit in one Honda?

A: Well, the Bible said that all 12 disciples were in one Accord.