

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

The Gospel is much more than an ethical message about a particular, Christian, way of life. It is about Jesus, his own person and the Kingdom he came to proclaim. Here he shows how radical are his demands on those who choose to follow him: even when we remove the dramatic form of the words he uses, we are reminded of the first commandment, of loving God before all else. I ask for a heart of a real disciple of Jesus, loving him above all else.

Discernment is a word we are hearing more than ever before, and we can run the risk of getting used to it and lose its impact. Here Jesus is asking us to be wise and discerning in our choices - enthusiasm is not enough for it can easily fizzle away. Following Jesus is a demanding way of life, so we should think well before embarking on this road; otherwise we might face disillusionment. The key is freedom, interior freedom that understands that material possessions can be real obstacles on our way to follow Jesus. I ask for the grace of a discerning heart.



**Bingo Night:** The Parish Bingo Night is on Friday 29th November, doors open at 7pm and the bingo starts at 7:30pm. **We would be grateful for donations of Prizes for this event.** And of course your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out.

**Blackpool Trip:** The money for the trip to Blackpool must be paid before the end of September. Please place your money in an envelope marked "Blackpool" and hand it in ASAP.

### 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

| 8th SEPTEMBER 2019<br>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)<br>MASS & SERVICE TIMES |                            |   |
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| Saturday 7th September   | 4:45pm<br>5:15pm           | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP             |
| Sunday 8th September   | 9:30am<br>11:00am          | People of the Parish<br>Sick of the Parish                          |
| Monday 9th September   | 9:30am                     | Tony Lister RIP   |
| Tuesday 10th September   | 9:30am                     | Mavis & Bernard Clarkson RIP  |
| Wednesday 11th September   | Noon<br>7:30pm             | Sick of the Parish<br>Parish Council meeting                        |
| Thursday 12th September  | 9:30am                     | Requiem Mass – Bernard Daley RIP                                    |
| Friday 13th September  |                            | No service  |
| Saturday 14th September  | 4:45pm<br>5:15pm           | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>Hilda & Albert Clarkson RIP          |
| Sunday 15th September  | 9:30am<br>11:00am          | Paulina and Chris wedding<br>People of the Parish                   |
| Monday 16th September  | 9:30am<br>6:00pm<br>7:30pm | Tony Lister RIP<br>Confirmation meeting<br>First Sacraments meeting |

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 Barbara Carney

**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.

**Parish Sacramental Programme:** Parents of Yr3 and older primary children, who wish them to receive the First Sacraments of Forgiveness and Eucharist this year, are invited to an enrolment and information meeting on Monday 16th September at 7:30pm in church.

We are also asking for a donation of £5 towards the cost of the book and materials needed during the programme. We look forward to meeting you all. *The Catechist Team*

**Confirmation Preparation:** Anyone in year 9 or above who would like to make their Sacrament of Confirmation this November should come to the first meeting, in church, on Monday 16th September at 6.00pm. Fr Simon and Mairie Gelling, the chaplain at St Nicholas, will be leading the sessions over the next weeks. If you have not already completed a form, there will be some available that evening.

**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 14 25-33



Large crowds were walking along with Jesus, when he turned and said:

You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love your own life. You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job."



What will a king do if he has only ten thousand soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with twenty thousand soldiers? Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off. So then, you cannot be my disciple unless you give away everything you own.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

**Coffee morning:** The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There is a Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th September at 7:30pm. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns please tell Fr Simon or Phil Martin.

## ST JOSEPH'S

### ST JOSEPH'S 200 CLUB

We have a separate Bank Account for our 200 Club - which is called the "St Joseph's Development Account".

The purpose of the 200 Club is to help to provide money for major Repairs and Maintenance.

The Church, Parish Centre and Priest's house are now over 40 years old and consequently Repairs and Maintenance costs are ever increasing and inevitably there are going to be further major items of repair and maintenance that will crop up.

Over the last 4 years we have spent around £10,000 on major items.

In 2016 we spent over £6,000 - as you may remember, we had an Inspection by the Fire Brigade and this brought to light a number of items - expensive items - that were essential. In addition, we had to carry out some expensive works on the Electrics and Plumbing.

The 200 Club is a way of benefitting both the Parish - and Parishioners. For as little as £1 per week you would have a one in seventy chance of winning £40 - much better odds than the National Lottery!

Half of the money raised is given out as a Weekly Prize of £40 - the other half goes to the Parish to help to pay for maintenance and repairs.

We currently have around 70 members of the 200 Club but would like to increase that number.

If you would like to join the 200 Club please complete a form with your personal details and state how you wish to pay your subscriptions. The subscriptions are **£48 per year** or **£4 per month**. **The Weekly Prize is currently £40**. If we can increase the number of members it will be possible to increase the weekly Prize - or perhaps to introduce a weekly Second Place Prize.

To make the administration of the 200 Club much simpler it would be very helpful if you can make your subscriptions by an Annual or Monthly **Banker's Standing Order** - or you can make them by **Cheque**

Membership forms and Standing Order forms are available in the porch.

If you wish to know more about the 200 Club please get in touch with me:-

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