

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

If you are of almost any age you will have experienced the suddenness of loss; the chaotic bewilderment of being knocked off balance. Allowing ourselves to be tempted by the immediacy of worldly pleasures we fill our lives to distraction until..

Pregnancy, whether planned or not, knocks us off balance. The counting down, or up, demands our attention. Advent may resemble Lent in it's watchfulness but unlike Lent, there is expectation and longing. A longing for the bewilderment to end; for the message to be heard; for the chance to begin again. An expectation that, like pregnancy, will be fulfilled in its own time.

There are those who look forward to the Second Coming with great anticipation or maybe the sense of 'let's get it over with'. But either way it takes our focus from the watchfulness of our vocation. We are told not to fear; to be witnesses to the freedom that has been won by Jesus' gift, already made, for all of us. We are told to live; to live with the awareness that we may encounter Jesus in any moment and to be ready to respond in love.

Eco Christmas market: St Joseph's school will be having an Eco Christmas Market on Thursday 12th December 3.30pm - 5pm. There will be hand made eco crafts and gifts (made by children!). Mulled wine, mince pies and refreshments will also be available.

Coffee morning: Our coffee morning on Tuesday made £36 despite it being a free event for everyone. Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning on Tuesday, we have enjoyed your company throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at our next coffee morning on Tuesday January 21st 2020, everyone is welcome. Thank you again, from Ann and Pat. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the coffee mornings, this year the coffee mornings have raised £1378.

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

1st DECEMBER 2019 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 30th November	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Alfie Hayes RIP 13 yrs anniversary
Sunday 1st December	9:30am 11:00am	Liam O'Hare RIP People of the Parish
Monday 2nd December	9:30am	Bridie Brennan
Tuesday 3rd December	9:30am	Hilda & Albert Clarkson RIP
Wednesday 4th December	Noon	Christine Daley RIP
Thursday 5th December	9:30am	Liam O'Hare RIP
Friday 6th December	7:30pm	No service Belgian Beer Night
Saturday 7th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brenda & Gordon Lyle RIP
Sunday 8th December	9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm	Anacleto, Juliao, Maria-Jose R.I.P (3 Names) People of the Parish Pensioners Christmas Meal
Monday 9th December	9:30am	Liam O'Hare RIP
Please note- Mass times are subject to change and, whilst every effort will be made, intention dates cannot be guaranteed		

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 – Mr George Chilton

**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.

Children's Party Sunday 15th December 2019 (Noon): Please add your child's names for this year's party. It is a shared table event so please bring along some food if you are attending. There will be games, music and a special guest!

Belgian Beer Night Friday 6th December 2019 1930: Come and join in the annual Christmas beer night. £10 for 2 beers and food or £4 for food only. Please complete the form in the foyer and pay Phil Martin in advance (07720 807162). A couple of volunteers would be appreciated in cleaning up following the event. Additional beers can be purchased on the night to take away or as gifts!

Pensioners Christmas Meal Sunday 8th December 2019 1230: Please help in making this a great day by putting your name down for the meal. The more the merrier! It's always a good day with lots of conversation, singing and fun! We will need volunteers and there is a separate list in the foyer. Contact Phil for further details.

Joke: What is a parents favourite Christmas Carol? Silent Night 😊
What Christmas Carol is sung in the desert? O Camel Ye Faithful 😊

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 Matthew 24 37 – 44

Jesus said to his disciples. "When the Son of Man appears, things will be just as they were when Noah lived. People were eating, drinking, and getting married right up to the day that the flood came and Noah went into the big boat.

They didn't know anything was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

Two men will be in the same field, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. Two women will be together grinding grain, but only one will be taken. The other will be left.

So be on your guard! You don't know when your Lord will come. Homeowners never know when a thief is coming, and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in.

Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come".



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

Advent Lunch at St Nicholas Catholic High School on 10th Dec: The names on the list will be passed to Mairie Gelling on Monday.

Scam Telephone Calls & Emails: If you receive a telephone call or email from HMRC telling you that you will be taken to Court for failing to pay them, this is a Scam. Please ignore it. Similarly, you may get telephone calls or emails purporting to be from Amazon, BT, Sky or Microsoft about your accounts or saying you will be cut off, these too are more than likely to be a scam. There is a poster in the porch with more information on scams.

VMM International: Following the Appeal £514 was donated on the weekend of the VMM International Collection a couple of weeks ago. Grateful thanks to everyone for their generosity.