

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about."

Through the Holy Spirit, Mary will bear a son and He will save his people from their sins.



All of us should be very happy to hear this because when Jesus saves us from sin, we are saved from what harms us. Sin leads us away from God and away from truly loving other people. While sin may seem good at the time, it actually leads us to loneliness and unhappiness in the end. This is why we are happy to hear the Gospel today, to know that Jesus came to earth to bring us true joy and happiness.

We can find this happiness each time we choose what is good instead of what is bad. When we choose what is good, we are living a life of true freedom as disciples of Christ. To believe takes God's gift of faith. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is an excellent example for us of someone who practiced faith. She believes that Jesus has the power to free us from sin and lead us to true greatness.

Let us ask God, with Mary, for the virtue of faith so that we may know God and all He has revealed.

200 Club: 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! If you wish to join the 200 Club there are forms in the porch.

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

22nd DECEMBER 2019 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 21st December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Brian Kennerley RIP anniversary
Sunday 22nd December	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Palus Baliko, Cesarina Dias Ximenes, Gabriela
Monday 23rd December	9:30am 7:00pm	Betty Latham Penance Service
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	5:00pm 8:00pm	Children's Mass – Intention Cecilia Gallon & the Harrison family Noel Stewart RIP
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	10:00am	People of the Parish
Thursday 26th December		No service
Friday 27th December		No service
Saturday 28th December	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracy Simpson RIP
Sunday 29th December	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Christine Davey
Monday 30th December	9:30am	Hugh Duffy RIP 2nd anniversary

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 Edward Deane

**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.

On a lighter note:

What kind of insect hates Christmas? A hum-bug
What do ghosts have for Christmas dinner? Ghoulash

Coffee morning: If you would like to come to our coffee mornings for a chat, laugh, cuppa or even a bargain in our bring and buy sale or for a game of bingo you will be made very welcome. Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday January 21st 2020, we look forward to seeing you there.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers The new Rotas will be published after Christmas. If you need your details to be amended can you please contact Beryl preferably by text (0789094250) or leave a note in the music cupboard.

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 1 18 -24

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.



While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

CHRISTMAS MASSES & SERVICES

Please note the times of our Christmas Masses and Services

Monday 23rd December	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass Penance Service
Tuesday 24th December	5:00pm 8:00pm	Children's Mass Mass
Wednesday 25th December	10:00am	Only one Mass today
Thursday 26th December		No service