

Gospel Reflection

It's frustrating, but we all have limitations, and those limitations stop us from achieving. Finding time is probably one of our biggest limitations. By the time we've done all the things we have got to get done in any given day, there's very little time left to do anything new, let alone trying to save the world. We're limited by lack of knowledge, lack of wisdom, and lack of ability. There are things we'd like to do and like to achieve, but there's so much we need to know, learn, and develop before we can even begin. So what do we do when we come up against limitations? Perhaps some of us put our ideas on a back burner. We kid ourselves that we are going to get things done but we never do. Many of us probably just give up, or worse still, bury our heads in the sand. We become ostriches.

In today's gospel the disciples are behaving a little like ostriches. They know what they should be doing, but they are hiding away for fear of the Jews. They are hiding from the Jews but they are also hiding from their own destiny. They have come up against their limitations and they are crippled inside. Then Jesus comes amongst them. He comes to give them an inner peace and an inner strength. He comes to breathe the Holy Spirit into them and all at once they are able to transcend the fear that had kept them trembling behind locked doors.



People are always telling us to know our limitations. As Christians we know our limitations, but we also know that we have the Holy Spirit to help us transcend the seemingly impossible. Saint Paul tells us the Spirit is working in all sorts of ways in different people. To find the Spirit within us, we need to look at our own strengths and gifts. Have we found ourselves strong in situations where we didn't expect to feel strength? How do we find that strength again when it really matters? Make it a daily mantra. Ask the Holy Spirit for help, guidance and the ability to find our inner strength.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united
in love, with a common purpose
and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

31st MAY 2020 PENTECOST SUNDAY (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 30th May		
Sunday 31st May Pentecost Sunday	10:30am	Livestream
Monday 1st June		
Tuesday 2nd June		
Wednesday 3rd June		
Thursday 4th June		
Friday 5th June		
Saturday 6th June		
Sunday 7th June Holy Trinity	10:30am	Livestream

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 Catherine Kavanagh

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Scam warning: One of the parishes in the Diocese of Shrewsbury has once again been the target of a scammer who has attempted to impersonate the parish priest in order to get parishioners to send money to them in the form of gift cards. This initial email was sent to gain a response:

*“On 22 May 2020, at 08:38, Fr. (priest’s name)
<parishpastor694@gmail.com>
wrote:*

Hi, Hope you are having a nice day?.I need your help with something very important. Email me as soon as you get my message.

Fr. (priest’s name)”

Notice how the scammer has formed an email name and address to make the recipient think that it is genuinely from the priest. Once the parishioner responded to this email, another email was sent asking to send Google Play cards worth £500 so the priest could send the gifts to a seminarian friend who was in hospital with Covid-19.

The scammer will find peoples email addresses on newsletters, websites or anything else which links them to the parish priest. Please be aware that this scam is ongoing and to NEVER send money or gift cards following an email request.

If anyone you know does receive such an email, please consider reporting it to Action Fraud by sending the information to this email: report@phishing.gov.uk or by telephoning 0300 123 2020. For more information on Action Fraud please follow this link: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/scam-emails>

Gospel Reading John 20 19-23

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.” Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

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