

Gospel Reflection

The path has moved a bit this week due to All Saints Day on this Sunday. The Beatitudes offer a sense of mission and promise to us all. This translation uses the word 'happy' when 'blessed' may be more correct - happy is a far less predictable state of mind and owes too much to us getting what we want. Blessed suggests that maybe we are getting what God wants. . Even though, both seem somewhat of a challenge to the situations Jesus is talking about; how to feel blessed when you are at the bottom looking up.

We are asked to believe that this is true. As adults in a secular world we are told that we are the masters of our fate. Often, it is only when we lose control that we remember that there is another 'Master' who is more powerful and more forgiving than the world would suggest. The only thing that divides us from the Saints is this knowledge. In persecution, grief or suffering it isn't our strength that needs bolstering. It is the faith in a God who is stronger and more compassionate than we will ever be.



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

1st NOVEMBER 2020 ALL SAINTS DAY (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 31st October		
Sunday 1st November All Saints Day	10:00am	Mass
Monday 2nd November All Souls Day		
Tuesday 3rd November	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 4th November		
Thursday 5th November	10:00am	Mass
Friday 6th November		
Saturday 7th November		
Sunday 8th November	10:00am	Mass

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 & Mrs J Kealey

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

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 5 1 - 12



When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are - no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

“You’re blessed when you get your inside world - your mind and heart - put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

“Not only that - count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens - give a cheer, even! - for though they don’t like it, I do!

And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi