

NEWSLETTER

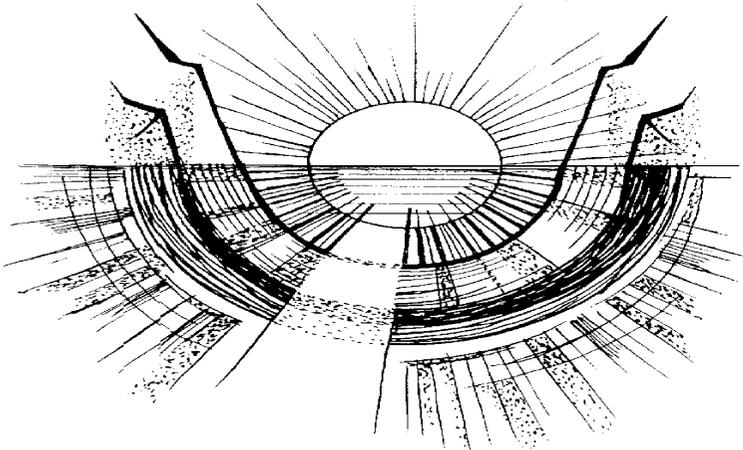
Gospel Reflection

The attraction of John the Baptist is mysterious. People flocked to him, not to be flattered but to be told the truth. They listened because of what they saw, a man who was indifferent to the world's prizes, a man of minimal needs, who could not be bought by pleasures, comforts or money, but passionate about God. They recognised holiness.

Show me, Lord, what there is about my life that takes from the value of my words and makes me less convincing.

John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness - that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy.

The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life - to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.



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

6th DECEMBER 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 5th December		
Sunday 6th December	10:00am	Mass
Monday 7th December		
Tuesday 8th December		
Wednesday 9th December		
Thursday 10th December		
Friday 11th December		
Saturday 12th December		
Sunday 13th December	10:00am	Mass
Monday 14th December		

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 Gloria Jones

**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 Mark 1 1 - 8

The good news of Jesus Christ - the Message!
- begins here, following to the letter the scroll of
the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you;
He'll make the road smooth for you. Thunder in the desert!
Prepare for God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!
John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching
a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness
of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and
Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were
baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed
life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the
waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and
wild field honey.

As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this
drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm
baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom
life. His baptism - a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit - will change you
from the inside out."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi