

Gospel Reflection

How hard it can be to feel that God loves us as He loves his Son. Feeling unworthy, thinking 'if you really knew me', puts an unnecessary distance between us. It's a gift we rarely give ourselves. A gift we can only receive through Jesus. You have to meet him as the disciples, the women and all the saints that have gone before have met him - intimately, deeply, lovingly.

In a world of communication overload you would think it would be easy getting to know people but often it seems more like attention seeking; counting 'friend's that we have never met, 'followers' who have never stepped in our footprints. As human beings we are always looking for relationship; but relationships must have layers of encounter; giving and a response; they need to be 'alive'.

If we believe Jesus is real but not tangible - then we need to develop the relationship some more through prayer and contemplation. Taking time is key; taking time to get to know each other; learning to be friends; learning to love; remembering that he has chosen you.



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

9th MAY 2021 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8th May		
Sunday 9th May	10:00am	Mass
Monday 10th May		
Tuesday 11th May	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 12th May		
Thursday 13th May	10:00am	Mass
Friday 14th May		
Saturday 15th May		
Sunday 16th May	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 Dave Quinn

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Update on Baptisms

We will be restarting baptisms shortly. For those that have completed the preparation process with Father Simon, Deacon Tony and Gerry, they will be contacted in the forthcoming weeks to be offered a date / time. Please note restrictions will remain in place in terms of numbers allowed, track & trace as well as masks & hand sanitising. For those yet to commence the preparation process, the meetings will recommence in due course and we will make another announcement in the next few weeks.

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 John 15: 9-17

Jesus said to his disciples "I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make ourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done - kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.

"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

"But remember the root command: Love one another."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi