

Gospel Reflection

Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices. Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice. It might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me?

The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. For those near at hand. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a family baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways. We need the company of other choosers. The community of faith and of the church. Peter says – to whom shall we go to?



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

22nd AUGUST 2021 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 21st August		
Sunday 22nd August	10:00am	Mass
Monday 23rd August		
Tuesday 24th August		
Wednesday 25th August		
Thursday 26th August	10:00am	Mass
Friday 27th August		
Saturday 28th August		
Sunday 29th August	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 – Mrs Ruth Vayro

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 John 6 60 – 69

Many among his disciples heard this and said,
“This is tough teaching, too tough to swallow.”

Jesus sensed that his disciples were having a hard time with this and said, “Does this throw you completely? What would happen if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where he came from? The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don’t make anything happen. Every word I’ve spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making. But some of you are resisting, refusing to have any part in this.” (Jesus knew from the start that some weren’t going to risk themselves with him. He knew also who would betray him.) He went on to say, “This is why I told you earlier that no one is capable of coming to me on his own. You get to me only as a gift from the Father.”

After this a lot of his disciples left. They no longer wanted to be associated with him. Then Jesus gave the Twelve their chance: “Do you also want to leave?”

Peter replied, “Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life. We’ve already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi