

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He’s not a quarter hour celebrity. Jesus didn’t want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves – doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: “I don’t believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!” Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Of birth, of love, of hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

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

<b>5th SEPTEMBER 2021</b> <b>23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 4th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 5th September	10:00am	Mass
Monday 6th September		
Tuesday 7th September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 8th September		
Thursday 9th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 10th September		
Saturday 11th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 12th September	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 Alison Waldecker

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**Mass Times for September**

As a reminder, mass times are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 10am. These masses are available to attend as well as being streamed. In addition, mass on Saturday at 5.15pm will recommence this weekend. This mass will not be streamed.

**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 7 31-37

Then he left the region of Tyre, went through Sidon back to Galilee Lake and over to the district of the Ten Towns.

Some people brought a man who could neither hear nor speak and asked Jesus to lay a healing hand on him. He took the man off by himself, put his fingers in the man's ears and some spit on the man's tongue. Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded, "Ephphatha! - Open up!" And it happened. The man's hearing was clear and his speech plain - just like that.

Jesus urged them to keep it quiet, but they talked it up all the more, beside themselves with excitement. "He's done it all and done it well. He gives hearing to the deaf, speech to the speechless."



*"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"*

St Francis of Assisi