

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

This week’s Gospel gives us a moment to pause and ask ourselves if we have become like the Pharisees – do we throw people away? Do we allow ourselves to buy into the hardness of heart that allows us to justify it? Do we find ourselves choosing the value of one life over another, one person over another, one group of people over another?

Nobody is a “throw away person.” There are sinful people, yes, and we are included in that bunch. There are difficult people, yes, and sometimes we are included in that bunch. There are people that are loved by God, and we are all included in that bunch.

Every person you meet today – friend or foe, rich or poor, sinner or saint – is made in the image and likeness of God. From the beginning, God intended us to see each other that way. Sin happened, and our vision can become distorted. This week, re-read the Gospel and invite Christ to give you eyes to see the world as He sees it, and more importantly, to see our brothers and sisters as Christ sees them.



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

<b>3rd OCTOBER 2021</b> <b>27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 2nd October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 3rd October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 4th October	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 5th October	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 6th October	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 7th October	10:00am	Mass
Friday 8th October		
Saturday 9th October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 10th October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

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 Mundie

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

**Knock Pilgrimage**

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11th October 2021. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**St Nicholas Catholic High School Open Evening**

Thursday 7th October, 6-8pm. Places can be booked online at [www.st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk)

**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 10: 2 – 16



From there he went to the area of Judea across the Jordan.

A crowd of people, as was so often the case, went along, and he, as he so often did, taught them. Pharisees came up, intending to give him a hard time. They asked, "Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife?"

Jesus said, "What did Moses command?"

They answered, "Moses gave permission to fill out a certificate of dismissal and divorce her."

Jesus said, "Moses wrote this command only as a concession to your hardhearted ways. In the original creation, God made male and female to be together. Because of this, a man leaves father and mother, and in marriage he becomes one flesh with a woman - no longer two individuals, but forming a new unity. Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, no one should desecrate his art by cutting them apart."

When they were back home, the disciples brought it up again. Jesus gave it to them straight:

"A man who divorces his wife so he can marry someone else commits adultery against her. And a woman who divorces her husband so she can marry someone else commits adultery."

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it:

"Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very centre of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in."

Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"  
St Francis of Assisi