

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues his teaching and formation of the apostles. Today Jesus is inviting us to become aware of how quickly we may jump to judgment of another person. At times, judgment of another person comes so automatically that we may not even consciously recognise it. Jesus may simply want us to be aware of what is going on in our minds. Once we are aware, then we have a choice about what action or attitude we want to take.

It is much easier to see the splinter in another person's eye than to recognise the splinter in my own eye. Perhaps recognising the splinter in the other person’s eye makes us feel better about ourselves. Jesus is reminding us to be mindful! Our mind often jumps to judgment before we even are consciously aware of it. However, when we become aware of the judgment we are making, we can decide to let go of the judgment — or not! Today may we strive to be more consciously aware of what is going on in our minds and hearts.



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

<b>27th FEBRUARY 2022</b> <b>8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 26th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th February	10:00am	Mass
Monday 28th February	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 1st March Shrove Tuesday	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 2nd March <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 3rd March	10:00am	Mass
Friday 4th March		
Saturday 5th March	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th March	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 Patrina Emes

**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**

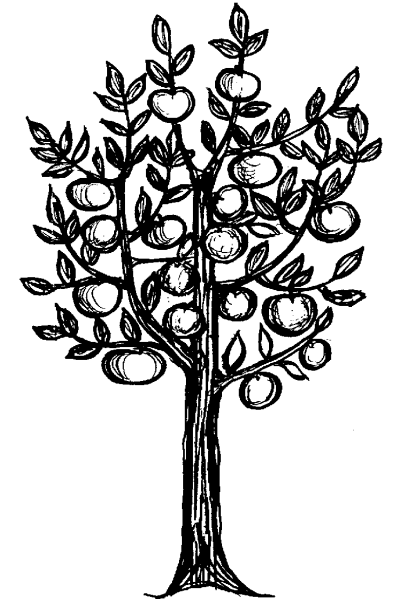
Luke 6: 39-45



He quoted a proverb: “Can a blind man guide a blind man? Wouldn’t they both end up in the ditch? An apprentice doesn’t lecture the master. The point is to be careful who you follow as your teacher.

“It’s easy to see a smudge on your neighbour’s face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, ‘Let me wash your face for you,’ when your own face is distorted by contempt? It’s this I-know-better-than-you mentality again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your own part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbour.

“You don’t get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It’s who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.



“Preach the Gospel always, if  
necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi