

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

I do believe that God is the most loving of parents who sees the effort and the mistakes and the mishaps, and, just like us with our children, forgives and forgives and forgives.

So the next question is – if I believe this is true, am I sure that I don't judge others?

If I have become so accepting of my own failings and sin; and my opportunities to redeem myself; why do I look at other people with critical eyes and opinions?

Why do I act like the child in the playground, jostling for favour by criticising the ones who are getting the attention and playing down my own failings with excuses; why do I feel justified when they fall, when they get left behind? And why do I think that that's ok?

The shift of emphasis that changes 'I am better than....' to '*but I am not as bad as...*' is not acceptable.

They both belong to Pride, possibly the greatest sin of all because it works in all directions; the pride of '*I'm not worthy*' and the pride of '*I'm worthier than them*'.

If you can't repent – that's pride; if you can't believe – that's pride; and if you think it's not for everyone – then that is also pride.

Spare the rod; against yourself and others; and learn to live the lesson of humility; give people the opportunity to learn; to heal; to grow.

**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

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

<b>20th MARCH 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE C) MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 19th March	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 20th March	10:00am	Mass
Monday 21st March		
Tuesday 22nd March		
Wednesday 23rd March		
Thursday 24th March		
Friday 25th March		
Saturday 26th March	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th 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 Kathryn Williams  
**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**UKRAINAIN REFUGEE CRISIS**

The Diocese is seeking to participate in the “Working through Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury” and we will register interest in the Scheme as an organisation. Registrations are currently open for individuals with their own homes, or organisations such as charities which hold properties or have the ability to support those coming to the UK.

Caritas will be updating their news page about the Ukraine Crisis with information about the scheme and further support for Ukraine including giving, campaigning and prayer:

<https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/2022/02/28/ukraine-crisis-update/>

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, are expecting to be able to circulate a detailed briefing for parishes within the next week.

On a national level the Catholic Church is working with the Government in developing the role of organisations in the Scheme, given its experience with the Community Sponsorship Scheme. I will provide further updates on how we will be able to take part once this information becomes available. In the meantime if your parish is interested in supporting the Scheme, please email Mrs Theresa Stones with the details of what this support would be and we will seek with Caritas, to co-ordinate our response with all the practical considerations involved.

Other useful links: RESET: <https://resetuk.org/about/ukraine> and the new site for refugees to connect with sponsors: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>

**Gospel** Luke 13 1 – 9

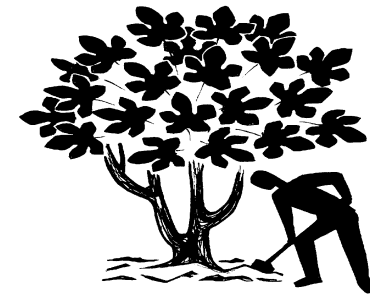


About that time some people came up and told him about the Galileans Pilate had killed while they were at worship, mixing their blood with the blood of the sacrifices on the altar.

Jesus responded, *“Do you think those murdered Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans? Not at all. Unless you turn to God, you, too, will die. And those eighteen in Jerusalem the other day, the ones crushed and killed when the Tower of Siloam collapsed and fell on them, do you think they were worse citizens than all other Jerusalemites? Not at all. Unless you turn to God, you, too, will die.”*

Then he told them a story: *“A man had an apple tree planted in his front yard. He came to it expecting to find apples, but there weren’t any. He said to his gardener, ‘What’s going on here? For three years now I’ve come to this tree expecting apples and not one apple have I found. Chop it down! Why waste good ground with it any longer?’*

*“The gardener said, ‘Let’s give it another year. I’ll dig around it and fertilise, and maybe it will produce next year; if it doesn’t, then chop it down.’”*



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi