

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

“We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can’t see the stars. God’s mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness.’ So when Jesus acts as confessor to the woman he does not humiliate her, he does not say: ‘What have you done? When did you do it? How did you do it? With whom did you do it?’ No! He says: ‘Go and do not sin again!’ God’s mercy is great, Jesus’s mercy is great.

We find the warm and open heart of Jesus hard to take. It seems too good to be true that God is so forgiving. One way to understand God’s mercy is to allow ourselves be forgiven and show mercy. It is the sort of mercy a parent shows when they still believe in their child who has done great wrong. Trainee teaches were sometimes told – ‘when a child really drives you mad, remember he has a mother who loves him’! A help to show mercy is to see the mercy in the eye of God for someone with whom we have a big difference.

Mercy when we receive it helps us show mercy ourselves. When we are hard on others, it’s sometimes because we are hard on ourselves and cannot really believe we are loved. The light of God’s mercy is bright enough that you can no longer see the stars that are our sins and faults and failings. Maybe Jesus means something like this when he says that he is the light of the world.

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

3rd APRIL 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 2nd April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 3rd April	10:00am	Mass
Monday 4th April	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 5th April	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 6th April	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 7th April	10:00am	Mass
Friday 8th April		
Saturday 9th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 10th April	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
Last week Mr Bernard O'Hare
This week Mrs Sarah Williams

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking for two Foundation Governors to help support the strategic leadership of the school. A parent governor is also required and nomination forms have been emailed to all parents. If you would be interested or would like further information please speak to Father Simon or phone the school on 01606 668790 and speak to Martine Gum, Headteacher.

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 John 8 1 – 11



Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them.

The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, *"Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?"* They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, *"The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone."* Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. *"Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?"*

No one, Master."

"Neither do I," said Jesus. *"Go on your way. From now on, don't sin."*



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi