

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

The judge put the widow off several times. However, the woman persisted. She would not let the judge rest. Finally the judge realized that if he wanted any peace in his life, he would have to make a just decision in the widow’s case. He was concerned that if he did not make a fair judgment, the widow might come and strike him.

How persistent are we with God? If I need or desire a gift, a healing or a sense of peace from God, how persistent am I? How persistent are you? Are we willing to patiently wait for God to act? We know that God is not a ‘vending machine.’ However, at times, I approach God as I would a vending machine. I come and place my petitions before God and then hope I receive an answer (preferably in the very near future). However, God is not a vending machine. And God’s timing is not our timing.

Perhaps the question for us is: Do I truly believe that God is with me? Do I trust that God hears my prayers and my longings? Do I trust that God will grace me? I doubt that any one of us truly wants a “vending machine God.” Thus, are we willing to trust and believe in our God who loves us? Today (and every day) God is gifting us and gracing us! May we have the eyes, minds and hearts to recognize the many ways God will grace us today.

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

<b>16th OCTOBER 2022</b> <b>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 15th October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 16th October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 17th October		No Mass
Tuesday 18th October	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 19th October		No Mass
Thursday 20th October		No Mass
Friday 21st October		No Mass
Saturday 22nd October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 23rd October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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?**

**Caritas – Children’s Society**

If anyone from the parish has any collections for Caritas – Children’s Society can they please send the monies direct to Caritas, or alternatively if they wish to set up a Standing order to carry on supporting us, one can be completed and forwarded to Caritas at their Head Office in Wallasey (see website for the form).

**Pensioners Christmas Meal Sunday 11th December 2022**

Please help in making this a great day by putting your name down for the meal using the list in the church or by contacting Phil. It’s always a good day with lots of conversation, singing and fun! We will need volunteers and there is a separate list in the foyer. Contact Phil on 07720 807162.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES**

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

**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 18 1 - 8



Then Jesus taught the followers that they should always pray and never lose hope. He used this story to teach them:

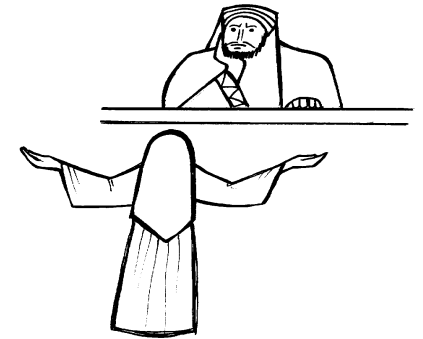
“Once there was a judge in a town. He did not care about God. He also did not care what people thought about him. In that same town there was a woman whose husband had died.

She came many times to this judge and said, ‘There is a man who is doing bad things to me. Give me my rights!’

But the judge did not want to help the woman. After a long time, the judge thought to himself, ‘I don’t care about God. And I don’t care about what people think. But this woman is bothering me. If I give her what she wants, then she will leave me alone. But if I don’t give her what she wants, she will bother me until I am sick.’”

The Lord said, “Listen, there is meaning in what the bad judge said. God’s people shout to him night and day, and he will always give them what is right. He will not be slow to answer them. I tell you, God will help his people quickly.

But when the Son of Man comes again, will he find people on earth who believe in him?”



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

**Coffee event**

St Joseph’s school are having a coffee morning for parishioners on 23<sup>rd</sup> November between 2pm to 3pm in the school hall. Please see the poster in the church for more information.