

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke states that he has researched the stories around the person of Jesus. The incidentals of this tale, told only by Luke, suggest a story that has passed the test of time.

Jesus has spent time with tax collectors in the past; unpopular collaborators with Rome. Zacchaeus has profited from this collaboration - popular or not he has wealth and status. Despite this, he can't get what he wants; he can't fight his way through the crowd. He makes a choice to act out of character; to act more like a child than a grown man; as high as he sits he has made himself vulnerable. It is this vulnerability that gets Jesus's attention; that invites hospitality and redemption.

Seeking God's grace often suggests pilgrimage or journey; perhaps it needs no more than moving out of your comfort zone; making yourself vulnerable? Then Jesus can make the invitation that leads to the home within you; to the place of transformation.

A transformation that brings forth forgiveness, generosity and love.

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).

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.

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

30th OCTOBER 2022 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 29th October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 30th October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 31st October	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass All Saints Day Vigil Mass
Tuesday 1st November All Saints Day	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 2nd November All Souls Day	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 3rd November	10:00am	Mass
Friday 4th November		No Mass
Saturday 5th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th November	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 – Mr David Williams

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

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.

Coffee morning

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday November 8th at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Bingo Night

The Parish Bingo Night on Friday 25th November is raising money for church funds. Doors open at 7pm. **We would be grateful for donations of Prizes for this event.** And of course your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out.

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases, the collection box is back in the porch.

Gospel

Luke 19 1 -10



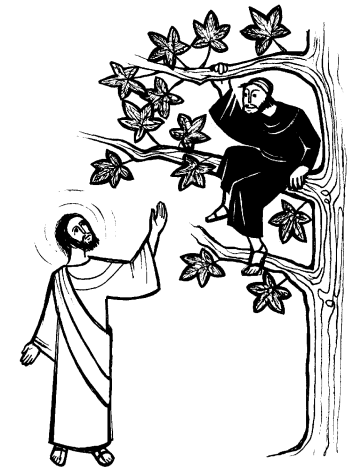
Jesus was going through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. He was in charge of collecting taxes and was very rich.

Jesus was heading his way, and Zacchaeus wanted to see what he was like. But Zacchaeus was a short man and could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree.

When Jesus got there, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down! I want to stay with you today." Zacchaeus hurried down and gladly welcomed Jesus.

Everyone who saw this started grumbling, "This man Zacchaeus is a sinner! And Jesus is going home to eat with him."

Later that day Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "I will give half of my property to the poor. And I will now pay back four times as much to everyone I have ever cheated."



Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you and your family have been saved, because you are a true son of Abraham The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee afternoon

St Joseph's school are having a coffee afternoon for parishioners on 23rd November between 2pm to 3pm in the school hall.