Gospel Reflection

Such challenges were common in the synagogues as the Jews debated the words of the Torah. They would justify their stance claiming the name of Moses and so it would begin. This is a convoluted challenge by a group of people who do not even believe in an afterlife. So this question is simply meant to confuse matters; Jesus' answer seems to confuse matters even more.

We may be disturbed by the idea that we won't be spending eternity with those that we love. The Sadducees, in the world they represent, are not talking about a loving relationship, but dutiful ownership. The widow is passed from one to another as property; a legal obligation to avoid being abandoned to poverty. Whose property will she be in the afterlife?

If Jesus takes this challenge at all seriously it is only to address this one failing of humanity – the failure to love others as we love ourselves; to make caring for others an obligation rather than a privilege. In his reply, Jesus assures those whose lives are not their own that life in God will be a life of eternal and loving freedom.

Coffee afternoon

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

Job vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary/Parish Hall Administrator at the parish of Holy Angels', Hale Barns. For further details, please see the Diocesan Website http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org closing date Monday 14 November.

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.

NEWSLETTER

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

6th NOVEMBER 2022 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 5th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 7th November	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 8th November	10:00am	Mass
,	10:30am	Coffee morning
Wednesday 9th November	1:00pm	Funeral Mass – Peter Newsham RIP
Thursday 10th November	10:00am	Mass
Friday 11th November		No Mass
Saturday 12th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 13th 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 Mark Kearns

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Coffee morning

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

Pensioners Christmas Meal Sunday 11th December 2022

A reminder to sign up for the Pensioners Christmas Meal. Contact Phil on 07720 807162 or put your name down on the list in the porch.

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.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Extraordinary General Meeting (**EGM**) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. Can you please register your attendance/apologies to <u>secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk</u> or text/call <u>07451 249267</u>

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.

St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Luke 20 27 – 38



The Sadducees did not believe that people would rise to life after death. So some of them came to Jesus and said:

"Teacher, Moses wrote that if a married man dies and has no children, his brother should marry the widow. Their first son would then be thought of as the son of the dead brother. There were once seven brothers. The first one married, but died without having any children. The second one married his brother's widow, and he also died without having any children. The same thing happened to the third one. Finally, all seven brothers married that woman and died without having any children. At last the woman died. When God raises people from death, whose wife will this woman be? All seven brothers had married her".

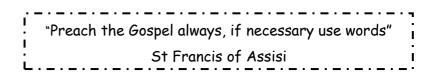
Jesus answered:

"The people in this world get married. But in the future world no one who is worthy to rise from death will either marry or die. They will be like the angels and will be God's

children, because they have been raised to life.

In the story about the burning bush, Moses clearly shows that people will live again -- he said, *The Lord is the God worshiped by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. So the Lord isn't the God of the dead, but of the living. This means that everyone is alive as far as God is concerned."





'Hearts on Fire' – A day of prayer, study, discussion, reflection and social. Saturday 12 Nov, 10am-5pm in St Wilfrid's Hall in Northwich. All Parishioners are welcome! Sign-up and further details from Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07517 906435.