

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

It's a strange kind of king that surrenders to the will of others.

A king that places himself, not in authority but in solidarity with his people; with the lowest and most desperate of his people. Even knowing that a word, a gesture, could make this all go away; Jesus chooses not to; he chooses to remain faithful to his humanity.

Jesus proves his power by being powerless; his submission takes him out of the hands of those who jeer and tempt him - leaving him in God's hands.

When the other criminal speaks up; he recognises this. He knows himself; he has accepted who he is; sees some sort of justice; knows that he now has no power over his future.

There is something bigger here; there is something more; there is a strength and a faith that even at the end; something, even for a few moments, the man wants to be a part of.

'Take me with you.' he pleads. And Jesus does; Christ, the king who will not save himself, will save anyone who has faith.

Prisoner Outreach

Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time? The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of volunteers who have been voluntarily working in HM Prisons and supplies copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to prisoners. Drop your loose change into the bottle on the table in the porch and help to support this good cause.

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 10am 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

20th NOVEMBER 2022 CHRIST THE KING (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 19th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 20th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 21st November		
Tuesday 22nd November		
Wednesday 23rd November	2:00pm	St Joseph's School coffee afternoon (until 3pm)
Thursday 24th November		
Friday 25th November	7:30pm	Bingo Night (doors open at 7pm)
Saturday 26th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th November 1 st Sunday of Advent	10:00am 11:30am	Mass (Livestreamed) Sri Lankan meal

There are no weekday Masses this week

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 – Miss Margaret Cannon

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

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. There is also a list in the porch for the Sri Lankan meal next weekend.

Coffee morning

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 13th December at 10:30am, everyone is welcome. St Joseph’s school are also having a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 23rd November from 2pm to 3pm.

Bingo Night

The Parish Bingo Night on Friday 25th November is raising money for church funds. Doors open at 7pm, the bingo starts at 7:30pm.

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 23 35 - 43



From the Cross Jesus said, “Father, forgive these people! They don’t know what they’re doing.”

While the crowd stood there watching him, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, “He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God’s chosen Messiah!”

The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine. They said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!”

Above him was a sign that said, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!”

But the other criminal told off the first one “Don’t you fear God? Aren’t you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn’t do anything wrong.”

Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me when you come into power!” Jesus replied, “I promise that today you will be with me in paradise.”



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