

# NEWSLETTER

## Gospel Reflection

If you are of almost any age you will have experienced the suddenness of loss; the chaotic bewilderment of being knocked off balance. Allowing ourselves to be tempted by the immediacy of worldly pleasures we fill our lives to distraction until..

Pregnancy, whether planned or not, knocks us off balance. The counting down, or up, demands our attention. Advent may resemble Lent in it's watchfulness but unlike Lent, there is expectation and longing. A longing for the bewilderment to end; for the message to be heard; for the chance to begin again. An expectation that, like pregnancy, will be fulfilled in its own time.

There are those who look forward to the Second Coming with great anticipation or maybe the sense of 'let's get it over with'. But either way it takes our focus from the watchfulness of our vocation. We are told not to fear; to be witnesses to the freedom that has been won by Jesus' gift, already made, for all of us. We are told to live; to live with the awareness that we may encounter Jesus in any moment and to be ready to respond in love.

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

**27th NOVEMBER 2022**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE A)**  
**MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 26th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th November	10:00am 11:30am	Mass (Livestreamed) Sri Lankan meal
Monday 28th November	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Tuesday 29th November	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Wednesday 30th November		No Mass
Thursday 1st December		No Mass
Friday 2nd December	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday 3rd December	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 4th December	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 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.

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 Irene Duffy

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

**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.

**Coffee morning**

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

**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** Matthew 24 37 – 44



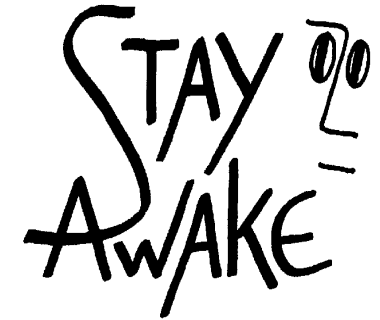
Jesus said to his disciples. “When the Son of Man appears, things will be just as they were when Noah lived. People were eating, drinking, and getting married right up to the day that the flood came and Noah went into the big boat.

They didn’t know anything was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

Two men will be in the same field, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. Two women will be together grinding grain, but only one will be taken. The other will be left.

So be on your guard! You don’t know when your Lord will come. Homeowners never know when a thief is coming, and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in.

Always be ready! You don’t know when the Son of Man will come”.



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi