

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel tells us "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." Through the Holy Spirit, Mary will bear a son and He will save his people from their sins.

All of us should be very happy to hear this because when Jesus saves us from sin, we are saved from what harms us. Sin leads us away from God and away from truly loving other people. While sin may seem good at the time, it actually leads us to loneliness and unhappiness in the end. This is why we are happy to hear the Gospel today, to know that Jesus came to earth to bring us true joy and happiness.

We can find this happiness each time we choose what is good instead of what is bad. When we choose what is good, we are living a life of true freedom as disciples of Christ. To believe takes God's gift of faith. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is an excellent example for us of someone who practiced faith. She believes that Jesus has the power to free us from sin and lead us to true greatness.

Let us ask God, with Mary, for the virtue of faith so that we may know God and all He has revealed.



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

18th DECEMBER 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 17th December	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 18th December	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 19th December	Noon	Mass
Tuesday 20th December	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 21st December	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 22nd December		No Mass
Friday 23rd December		No Mass
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve	6:30pm	Mass
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	10:00am	Mass

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 John Joseph Body

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

Coffee morning

The Coffee Morning on Tuesday 13th December raised £130 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who came to the coffee morning, and thank you to everyone who helped to organise the coffee mornings this year.

Christmas Cake made £65 for parish – winner is number 21-25
The Basket number is 226-230, prize is in the Sacristy

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 1 18 -24



This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us."

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi