

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday’s Gospel is the encounter between John the Baptist and Jesus. When John sees Jesus, he exclaims: “Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. It is He of whom I said: ‘After me will come a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me’.” John then confesses that he had not recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God. Jesus and John had known one another from birth; they were cousins. Yet until this moment, John had not realized that Jesus was “The Christ.” John then gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit descend and rest on someone; it is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. I have seen for myself and I have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’”

Ask yourself: do you truly believe that Jesus is “The Lamb of God?” I suspect that many of us “grew up” with the Gospel and we were taught about Jesus and his life from our childhood. Yet today ask yourself: Do I truly believe and confess that Jesus is “The Lamb of God?” Many of us know about Jesus, however do we listen daily for His word in our life? Are Jesus and his teachings integral in your life? Or do you simply give “lip service” to your faith? Today I invite you to take time to search your heart and mind. You may be surprised at what you find there. I pray that you will find faith and peace within you!

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

15th JANUARY 2023		
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 14th January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 15th January	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 16th January		
Tuesday 17th January	10:30am	Coffee morning
Wednesday 18th January		
Thursday 19th January	10:00am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 20th January		
Saturday 21st January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 22nd January	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
As Father Simon is away at the moment, this week we welcome Father Jim Robinson		

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 Katharine Fallon

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

Coffee morning

The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 17th January at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Christmas Cards

Please bring in your Christmas Cards as they can be recycled and put to good use.

Church Cleaners

We are appealing for more people to help with the weekly cleaning of the church on a Thursday morning for an hour. If you can help on a regular basis this really would be appreciated.

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 John 1 29-34



The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, “Here he is, God’s Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I’ve been talking about, ‘the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.’ I knew nothing about who he was—only this: that my task has been to get Israel ready to recognize him as the God-Revealer. That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God.”

John clinched his witness with this: “I watched the Spirit, like a dove flying down out of the sky, making himself at home in him. I repeat, I know nothing about him except this: The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, ‘The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ That’s exactly what I saw happen, and I’m telling you, there’s no question about it: *This* is the Son of God.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi