

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

How often when Jesus makes statements like these we prefer not to take them seriously. We think Jesus is just making a point - exaggerating for the sake of emphasis. That all he wants is for us to be good. We know when we are being good; taking care of our own; making the best of our talents; taking part in our community. All very good attributes; but no more than we should be doing; no more than anyone else; no more than anyone who didn't know Jesus; no more than anyone who had not been awakened to God. What we call 'being good' is the desired human condition.

Jesus doesn't want us to be good - he wants us to be better than that - his ambition for us goes beyond all that – he wants us to be 'perfect' (a bad translation - more likely meaning mature or adult).

We should not need to be liked to like; we should not need to be loved to love; we should not need our own need to be fulfilled before we recognise that others have needs. In particular it should not matter who the *others* are because we know who we are – beloved children of God.



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

19th FEBRUARY 2023 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 18th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 19th February	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 20th February	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 21st February Shrove Tuesday	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday	10:00am Noon	Mass Requiem Mass – Edna Ravenscroft RIP
Thursday 23rd February	10:00am	Mass
Friday 24th February		
Saturday 25th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 26th February	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 – Mr Patrick Cahill

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

Job Vacancy

St Monicas Catholic Primary School in Warrington have a vacancy for an Administrative Assistant, please see the poster in the porch for more information. The closing date for applications is 27th February.

Funeral notice

The Funeral Mass for Edna Ravenscroft will be on Wednesday 22nd February at noon. There will also be a Mass at 10am on this day for Ash Wednesday.

Coffee morning

The Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised £147 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the coffee morning and thanks to everyone who supported the event. The next coffee morning will be Tuesday 14th March.

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 5 38-48



Jesus said to his disciples. You know that you have been taught, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. When people ask you for something, give it to them. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them.

You have heard people say, "Love your neighbours and hate your enemies."

But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and



for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what's so great about that? Don't even unbelievers do that? But you must always act like your Father in heaven.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Earthquake appeal insert

Please see the handout regarding the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.