

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Three key lessons follow from the disquieting fact of the Resurrection. First, this world is not all there is. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead shows as definitively as possible that God is up to something greater than we had imagined. We don't have to live as though death were our master and as though nihilism were the only coherent point of view. We can, in fact, begin to see this world as a place of gestation toward something higher, more permanent, more splendid.

Second, the tyrants know that their time is up. Remember that the cross was Rome's way of asserting its authority. But when Jesus was raised from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians knew that Caesar's days were, in point of fact, numbered. The faculty lounge interpretation of the Resurrection as a subjective event or a mere symbol is exactly what the tyrants of the world want, for it poses no real threat to them.

Third, the path of salvation has been opened to everyone. Jesus went all the way down, journeying into pain, despair, alienation, even godforsakenness. He went as far as you can go away from the Father. Why? In order to reach all those who had wandered from God. In light of the Resurrection, the first Christians came to know that, even as we run as fast as we can away from the Father, we are running into the arms of the Son.

Let us not domesticate these still-stunning lessons of the Resurrection. Rather, let us allow them to unnerve us, change us, and set us on fire.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon (01606 543877).

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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General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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

9th APRIL 2023 EASTER SUNDAY (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 8th April	7:00pm	The Great Vigil
Sunday 9th April	10:00am	Mass
Monday 10th April		
Tuesday 11th April		
Wednesday 12th April		
Thursday 13th April		
Friday 14th April		
Saturday 15th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 16th April Divine Mercy Sunday	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize

This week – Mr Joseph Body

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

PRISONER OUTREACH

Please continue to drop your loose change into the bottle on the table in the porch and help to support this good cause.

Offertory Envelopes. The new Boxes of Envelopes are in the Porch for you to collect. Please look for your name on the Boxes. If you can't find a Box for you – or if you would like to start using Envelopes – please take one of the spare Boxes and complete the slip in the Box and hand it in the next time you are at Mass. Alternatively, if you would prefer to make your Offertory Donations on a monthly basis by Bank Standing Order there are forms available in the porch. Similarly, if you are an Income Tax Payer you can join the Gift Aid Scheme by taking a form from the porch. Please hand in any Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms to the Parish. Please don't send them to your Bank or the Diocese.

Coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be Tuesday 18th April, everyone is welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cake. Some of the money raised from the coffee mornings has been used to replace the emergency lighting at the church, which cost £200.

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 20 1 - 9

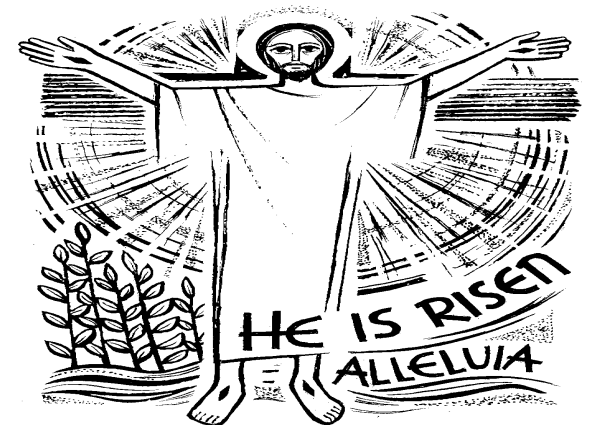
Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance.



She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, breathlessly panting, "They took the Master from the tomb. We don't know where they've put him."

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself.

Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Parking notice. St Joseph's School have contractors etc that require out of hours access. If there were a fire and emergency services needed to attend, they sadly wouldn't gain the access required and ultimately would have to damage any vehicle in the way. Please allow access to the school by not parking across the main school gates.