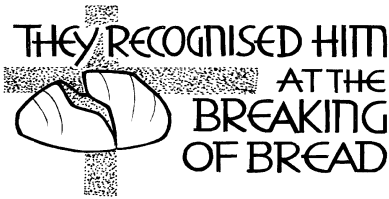


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The reading this morning is one that can truly help us with our prayer life. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were clearly discouraged, saddened and downcast. We can all find ourselves in that place from time to time... in the shadow of the cross. What Jesus does in our Gospel reading is simply to ask his unsuspecting disciples why they were feeling sad. He just invited them to share what was on their mind, to tell him what was in their hearts. That is exactly what Jesus asks us each time we come to him in prayer: to share what is in our hearts, the joys, the pains.

And once the disciples shared what was in their hearts, the Gospel reading tells us that then it was Jesus' turn to speak. Again the same goes with us. Once we have shared what is on our mind, it is then time to listen to Our Lord. There comes a time in our prayer when, having opened our hearts to the Lord, we simply need to sit back and listen to his word to us.



First Communion Masses. The First Communion Masses are on the following dates:
 The first Mass is on Saturday 29th April at 1100am.
 The second Mass is on Saturday 6th May at 1100am.
 The third Mass is on Saturday 13th May at 1100am.

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

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23rd APRIL 2023		
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A)		
MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 22nd April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 23rd April	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 24th April		
Tuesday 25th April		
Wednesday 26th April		
Thursday 27th April		
Friday 28th April		
Saturday 29th April	11:00am 5:15pm	First Communion Mass Mass
Sunday 30th April	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
There will be no weekday Masses whilst Father Simon is away		

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 – Mrs Margaret Chwastek

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

“Preach the Gospel
always, if necessary
use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Manchester Marathon. Phil Martin did the Manchester Marathon last weekend, well done Phil 😊

Prisoner Outreach. Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time? The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of volunteers who have been voluntarily working in HM Prisons and supplies copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to prisoners. Drop your loose change into the bottle on the table in the porch and help to support this good cause.

Coffee morning. The coffee morning on Tuesday raised £125. Thank you to those who organised the coffee morning and to all those who came to the event. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 23rd May 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 Luke 24 13-35

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was. He asked, “*What’s this you’re discussing so intently as you walk along?*”

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, “*Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard what’s happened during the last few days?*”

He said, “*What has happened?*” They said, “*The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn’t find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn’t see Jesus.*”

Then he said to them, “*So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?*” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “*Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.*” So he went in with them. He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared. Back and forth they talked. “*Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?*”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “*It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up - Simon saw him!*” Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

