

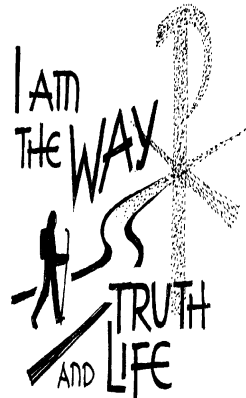
## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Look closely at this John text and you will notice something. You have words popping out at you like, “prepare,” “go,” “going,” “the way,” “going” again, “the way” again, “the way” a third time, “through me,” “believe,” and “do.” These words are in motion. These words are on the go. They are not words for the dead. They are words for the alive and moving. The rooms that Christ has prepared are anything but rooms in an eternal, stationary mansion in the clouds.

Jesus Christ has prepared a room for us alright; I’m not sure how cramped the rooms are, but I do know that each room is filled with tools for work in the kingdom of God. They are intended to be shared with another person here in this life who needs to hear a word of belonging, friendship, and hope from your mouth in the beautiful and non-threatening setting of the green. They are a tool of God’s grace.

All of us fit in somewhere. All of us have a purpose in life. All of us are given a room in Christ, equipped with a tool, measured and fitted just for us for use in the kingdom of God. It may be a golf club, it may be a garden, it may be a gift for poetry, or it may be a gift of working hands; no matter what the gift is, it has been fitted just for you so that you too can participate in the way, the truth, and the life.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

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

### 7th MAY 2023 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 6th May	11:00am 5:15pm	<b>First Communion Mass</b> Mass
Sunday 7th May	10:00am	Mass – Winefride Mary Cannon anniversary (Livestreamed)
Monday 8th May		
Tuesday 9th May		
Wednesday 10th May		
Thursday 11th May		
Friday 12th May		
Saturday 13th May	11:00am 5:15pm	<b>First Communion Mass</b> Mass – Derek Harrison (private intention)
Sunday 14th May	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

**There are no weekday Masses as Father Simon is away**

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Catherine Kavanagh

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

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH**

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

**First Communion Masses.** The First Communion Masses are on Saturday 6th May at 1100am and on Saturday 13th May at 1100am.

**Coffee morning.** The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

**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.

**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 14 1 – 12



Jesus said to his disciples. Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home. If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I'm on my way to get your room ready, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I'm taking."

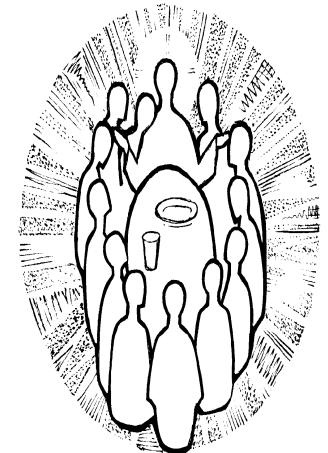
Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

"Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see - these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi