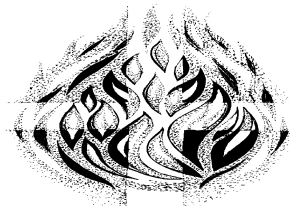


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

St. John locates the giving of the Holy Spirit in Christ's death, followed by his breathing this same Spirit on the Apostles on Easter Day. On Golgotha, according to St. John, Jesus cried out: I thirst! (19:28). In accordance with John's habitual style, this bears a double meaning. Jesus suffered a tormenting physical thirst. More deeply, he thirsted to give us the Spirit, whose image is living water welling up to eternal life (cf. 4:14; 7:38). John's account of the moment of Jesus' death also bears a double meaning. He said: it is accomplished, and bowing his head, - as our translation has it - he breathed his last. But more literally: he handed over the Spirit.

In today's Gospel we read how Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples on the evening of Easter Day. In the first place he twice invoked peace upon them. That word might appear to be merely a conventional greeting, but in the circumstances it's supremely charged with meaning, and closely associated with the gift of the Holy Spirit. With that word Jesus granted forgiveness and reconciliation with God to his disciples, almost none of whom had behaved honourably during the Passion. With that word "Peace" too, Jesus removed their sadness at his death, and their fear of being asked to follow in the same path. Then he said: As the Father sent me, so am I sending you (20:21). That is, from this moment, the mission of the disciples is to be a continuation or extension of his own divine mission. They are the ones who will now bear the divine life in the world; they will glorify the Father; they will draw all men to God, through Jesus; they will love, even as they have been loved, "to the end" (13:1).



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

28th MAY 2023 PENTECOST (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 27th May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 28th May	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 29th May		No Mass
Tuesday 30th May	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 31st May	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 1st June	10:00am	Mass
Friday 2nd June		No Mass
Saturday 3rd June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 4th June	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 – Mrs Brenda Flannigan

**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.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

Thank You A big thank you to Peter McTasney and Allen Scanlon for painting the church toilets and doors. It needed several coats of paint to finish so thanks for the hard work 😊

Coffee morning. The coffee morning on Tuesday raised £100 for parish funds. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 20th June 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

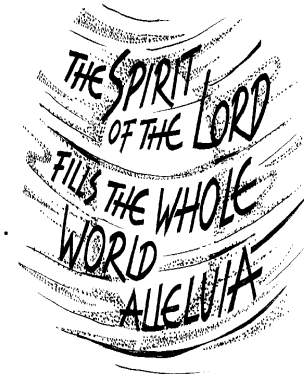
Gospel John 20 19-23



Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"
St Francis of Assisi