## **Gospel Reflection**

Jesus told the apostles as He sends them off to spread the gospel: ""Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna"

It's so easy to say that we are followers of Jesus but it's another story when we are called to witness for Jesus no matter what the cost. Majority of the apostles were the perfect witnesses for Christ, they feared no one they followed Him championing His teachings until their very last grasp of breath.

The Martyrs of the church who shed their blood for the cause of Jesus, they spoke of the truth, they were not afraid to die. A very good example were Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador and Father Rudy Romano a Redemptorist Priest in the Philippines, they fought for the rights of the poor and the oppressed at the cost of their own lives.

Be not afraid, be a true witness for Jesus, this is the clarion call for the twelfth Sunday in ordinary time.



#### **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.

### NEWSLETTER

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

Philippians 2:2

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 24th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 25th June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 26th June	Mass	10:00am
Tuesday 27th June	Mass	10:00am
Wednesday 28th June	Mass	10:00am
Thursday 29th June Ss Peter and Paul	Mass	10:00am
Friday 30th June		No Mass
Saturday 1st July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 2nd July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

25th ILINE 2022

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 Steve Orford

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

#### **SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

<u>Coffee morning.</u> The coffee morning on Tuesday raised £135 for parish funds, so thank you to those who organised the coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be in September.

Some of the money raised from the coffee mornings was used to put in a new kitchen in the Sacristy. The new kitchen cost £980, so thank you to everyone who has supported the coffee mornings and helped to pay for the new kitchen.

#### 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.

St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Matthew 10 26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

"Don't be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don't hesitate to go public now.

"Don't be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There's nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.

"What's the price of a pet canary? Some loose change, right? And God cares what happens to it even more than you do. He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail—even numbering the hairs on your head! So don't be intimidated by all this bully talk. You're worth more than a million canaries.

"Stand up for me against world opinion and I'll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I'll cover for you?

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