

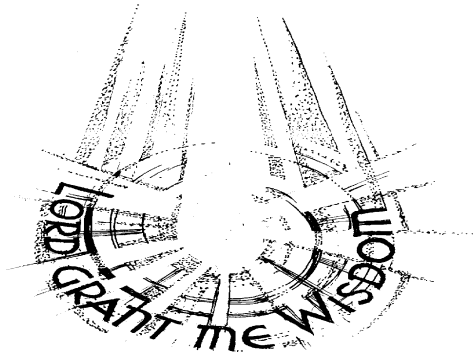
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

I wonder how the Kingdom of Heaven would be described now. The various treasures suggested by Jesus would touch the imagination of every person within the crowd. Their lives were predictable and long in tradition. What was precious spoke to every generation with both a familiarity and an unreachability. Somewhere in every life, no matter how mundane, was the possibility of the 'one thing'.

Where is our 'one thing'? Too often we are rushed from one task to another; from one upgrade to another; from one latest model to another. Most of what we do is obsolete just as we do it. How do we ever learn what is precious; what is worth giving it all up for?

Maybe Jesus is asking us - what is the one thing about you that will make God say 'yes'? Integrity, truth, a sense of justice, generosity? Amongst all that you are - what is your 'pearl of great price'? And, in all that you are, how often do you value - and use - that gift?



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

30th JULY 2023 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 29th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 30th July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 31st July		
Tuesday 1st August		
Wednesday 2nd August		
Thursday 3rd August		
Friday 4th August		
Saturday 5th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th August	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

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Catherine Chilton

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

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.

Sisters Mission Committee Appeal. This weekend Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ will be speaking at all the Masses to appeal for the Sisters Mission Committee.

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 Matthew 13 44 – 52

Jesus said to the crowds. “God’s kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a trespasser.

The finder is ecstatic - what a find! - and proceeds to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy that field.

“Or, God’s kingdom is like a jewel merchant on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one that is flawless, he immediately sells everything and buys it.

“Or, God’s kingdom is like a fishnet cast into the sea, catching all kinds of fish. When it is full, it is hauled onto the beach.

The good fish are picked out and put in a tub; those unfit to eat are thrown away. That’s how it will be when the curtain comes down on history. The angels will come and cull the bad fish and throw them in the garbage. There will be a lot of desperate complaining, but it won’t do any good.”

Jesus asked, “Are you starting to get a handle on all this?”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi