

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The Transfiguration was the mountain-top experience for the apostles which prepared them for their future trials. The Mass is our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day.

The Mass is not a transfiguration but a transubstantiation, in which bread and wine are transformed into the glorious Risen Jesus. And in the joy and consolation of Communion we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave.

But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that "nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."

First Sacraments Programme

The next First Sacraments Programme will start in September. All Yr.3 children at St Joseph's will be given a letter when they return to school to give to their parents.

Any parents of older children who want their child to join the programme can get more information by texting/phoning me on 07527321533.

Christine Hanson (on behalf of the Sacramental team).

We are also looking for any beads, threads or bits and bobs that may be used in the artwork we will undertake with the children. These can be brought to church. Thank you.

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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General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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

6th AUGUST 2023 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 5th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 7th August	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 8th August	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 9th August	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 10th August	10:00am	Mass
Friday 11th August		No Mass
Saturday 12th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 13th August	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 Patricia Snape

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

Prisoner Outreach

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their loose change for the prisoner outreach, we have sent a cheque for £153.

Bingo Night

The Parish Bingo Night is on Friday 17th November. **We would be grateful for donations of Prizes for this event.** Please leave any donations in the Sacristy. And of course, your support on the evening itself - always a great evening out.

Sisters Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to Sister Joan’s appeal last weekend. If you didn’t have any money with you, there is a basket in the porch today where you can place your donation.

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 17 1-9

Jesus and the disciples had travelled to the villages of Caesarea Philippi.



Six days later Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

Peter broke in, “Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain - one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?”

While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.”



When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. “Don’t be afraid.” When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t breathe a word of what you’ve seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk.”

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi