

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

There is an African American saying that we are always either going into a storm, in a storm, or coming out of a storm.

Disciples are those who are learning to call on Jesus the Son of God, in all three conditions. When our boat is battered by waves, we can call on Jesus. When our boat is far from land, we can call on Jesus. When our boat has the wind against it, we can call on Jesus. He knows our sufferings. He is approaching. He is present and able to offer assistance. He has been here all along.

The question is, how are we going to respond to that knowledge? Are we going to keep focusing on the wind and the waves, or on the outstretched hand of our Lord?

Jesus never stands on the shore watching us suffer, but is always walking toward us on the sea, stretching out a hand to us - with forgiveness, with love. Reaching out a hand to us that is both very human, and the very hand of God.



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 prizes in the Sacristy marked with 'bingo' on the prize.

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

13th AUGUST 2023 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 12th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 13th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 14th August	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 15th August Assumption	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 16th August	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 17th August		No Mass
Friday 18th August		No Mass
Saturday 19th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 20th 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 Mary Simpson

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

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.

Assumption Feast Day

Tuesday 15th August is the feast day of The Assumption, Mass is at 10am.

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

Gospel

Matthew 14 22 – 23

As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

