

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

There will be a time for everyone when they will suffer, either through their own pain or often the pain of someone close to them. And it is usually then that we return to our prayers, to our church, to our faith.

But who do we return to? To a God that punishes through illness or despair, to a God that gives judgement, to a God that doesn't care? If so, why bother?

Should we believe that God will always take the pain away – will create a miracle of healing? Well, yes we should. But it may not be the miracle we expect. Perhaps the healing will be a new attitude, a different perspective, an acceptance of the reality of life. And with that healing, the recognition that we are not alone when we suffer; God is always Emmanuel – God who is with us. Befriending, sharing, carrying, walking the journey.



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

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20th AUGUST 2023 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 19th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 20th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 21st August	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 22nd August	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 23rd August	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 24th August	10:00am	Mass
Friday 25th August		No Mass
Saturday 26th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

Coffee morning
The next coffee morning will be Tuesday 12th September at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

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.

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 Victoria Cummings

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

*“Preach the Gospel always,
if necessary use words”*

St Francis of Assisi

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.

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.

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 15 21 - 28

Jesus left Genneraset and took a trip to Tyre and Sidon. They had hardly arrived when a Canaanite woman came down from the hills and pleaded, “Mercy, Master, Son of David! My daughter is cruelly afflicted by an evil spirit.”

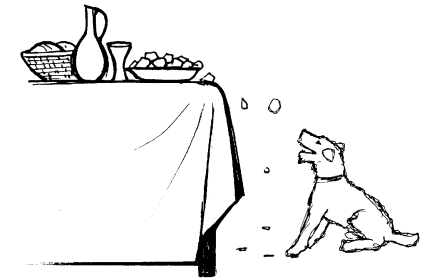
Jesus ignored her. The disciples came and complained, “Now she’s bothering us. Would you please take care of her? She’s driving us crazy.”

Jesus refused, telling them, “I’ve got my hands full dealing with the lost sheep of Israel.” Then the woman came back to Jesus, went to her knees, and begged. “Master, help me.”

He said, “It’s not right to take bread out of children’s mouths and throw it to dogs.”

She was quick: “You’re right, Master, but beggar dogs do get scraps from the master’s table.”

Jesus gave in. “Oh, woman, your faith is something else. What you want is what you get!” Right then her daughter became well.



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.