

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Jesus doesn't want us to be good - his ambition for us goes beyond all that - he wants us to be 'perfect' (a bad translation - more likely meaning mature or adult). We should not need to be liked to like; we should not need to be loved to love; we should not need our own need to be fulfilled before we recognise that others have needs. In particular it should not matter who the others are because we know who we are - beloved children of God.

It is this confidence in God's Love that Jesus tries to instil in us - the confidence that he has in his Father, that allows him to call, with joyful expectation, on the grace and healing that is then gifted to anyone who asks - all strangers, many enemies, honest and dishonest people alike. The world we know is fragmented and hurting. Anger and violence have proved that they are not the answer. It's a tough challenge to look into your enemy's eyes and ask for reconciliation. Where else is there to go if not to talk about it and pray about it?



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

10th SEPTEMBER 2023 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 9th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 10th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 11th September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 12th September	10:00am 10:30am	Mass Coffee morning
Wednesday 13th September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 14th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 15th September		No Mass
Saturday 16th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 17th September	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 – Mr Charles McTasney

**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.

The impact of climate change on health. Dr Michael Fallon

Dr Fallon will be giving a talk on the impact of climate change on health at the St Joseph's masses on **Sat 16th and Sunday 17th Sept.**

Coffee morning

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

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 18 15 - 20



Jesus said to his disciples. "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him - work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend.

If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.



"Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Children's Instruments for the Music Group

We know that we are very lucky to have so many young people at St Joseph's Church, and so we would love to be able to get them involved in our music! If you have any spare child-friendly instruments at home (shakers, tambourines, bells etc) we would be very grateful for your donations please. We want to invite any children that would like to join in with our exit hymn to select an instrument and play along 🎵