

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Jesus tells a parable about a man who is forgiven a huge debt by a king. The debt is so big that nobody could ever expect to pay it off, but the king forgives him. The man finds another servant who owes him a few thousand dollars and refuses to show the same grace that he has received. The result is that the king rescinds his previous decision and has the man thrown into prison.

Forgiveness is at the heart of the gospel. Firstly God forgives us of our entire catalogue of sin. Then he expects us to live out the same grace in our daily lives. To harbour resentment, bitterness and unforgiveness is to show that we have not allowed the grace of God to deeply penetrate our hearts. Forgiving other people is hard work. It goes against our human nature to do this. Most of us want to keep a record of wrongs to justify ourselves. The deeper the hurt we have suffered the longer it will take to move to the place of letting go.

God's commandment is that we must love our enemies, and His kind of love keeps no record of wrongs.

#### **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 🎵

#### **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

<b>17th SEPTEMBER 2023</b> <b>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 16th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 17th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 18th September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 19th September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 20th September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 21st September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 22nd September		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 23rd September	5:15pm	Mass – Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 24th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Lorraine Penketh

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

**Coffee morning.** The coffee morning on Tuesday raised £135 for parish funds. Thank you to those who organised the coffee morning. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 17th October, everyone is welcome.

### **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.** Here are some links to useful websites:

[liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

[dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org.uk)

[christianclimateaction.org](http://christianclimateaction.org)

[operationnoah.org](http://operationnoah.org)

[takethejump.org](http://takethejump.org)

[mymothertree.com](http://mymothertree.com)

### **Prayer**

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

### 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 21-35



At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?"

Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

"The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn't pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.



"The poor wretch threw himself at the king's feet and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

"The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!'

"The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

"The king summoned the man and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?' The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that's exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi