

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

Are we ever jealous or resentful when someone else receives a gift, acclaim, or praise for an act that we think they neither deserved nor earned? Jealousy and resentment may not affect the other person; however, it does affect us! It can eat away at us and make us miserable. When we compare ourselves to others, we typically may judge ourselves as above them or below them. Both judgments damage the other person as well as ourselves.

God is the one who will judge in fairness and truth. We do not have the right to judge others and yet we do it all the time! Most of us have been gifted with abundant blessings. Today may we give thanks for the gifts and graces that we have received and let us thank God for the many gifts we have been given! May we let go of judgment, envy, and jealousy. If we choose to do this, we will be happier and more peaceful.

**Public Meeting**  
 Initial meeting for people interested in a Winsford Sustainability hub - to look at ways to address the climate and nature emergency, local pollution, and community skills/resilience, eg growing our own food, mending clothes and upcycling, cooking plant based food, information events, films, climate cafe etc  
 This initiative has council backing.  
 Parish Centre 7.30pm Fri 29th September. Everybody 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.

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

<b>24th SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		
<b>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)</b>		
<b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 23rd September	5:15pm	Mass – Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 24th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 25th September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 26th September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 27th September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 28th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 29th September	<b>7:30pm</b>	No Mass <b>Winsford Sustainability Hub Meeting</b>
Saturday 30th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st October	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 Ethna Colgan

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

## SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases.

### 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 🎵

### 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.

### Coffee morning

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 17th October, 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 20 1 - 16



Jesus said to his disciples.

“God’s kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.

Later, about nine o’clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went.

He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o’clock. At five o’clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, ‘Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?’

They said, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He told them to go to work in his vineyard. When the day’s work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, ‘Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.’

“Those hired at five o’clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, ‘These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.’

He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?’

Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

## MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE & LIBYAN FLOODING

We will all have been appalled by the destruction and loss of life in the recent Earthquake in Morocco and the destructive flooding in Libya.

People have been left without shelter in dreadful conditions, with humanitarian needs expected to grow in the coming days, weeks and months. Access to clean water will likely be a challenge, bringing the risk of cholera and other diseases. DEC charities and their local partners are among the first responders, working with locally-led relief efforts. Immediate priorities are search and rescue, medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, as well as food and blankets, clothes, and particularly clean water.

So, to help we are having a Retiring Collection over the next few weekends. In addition, we will add to your donations from Parish Funds.

If you wish to make a donation, you can put in an envelope marked “**Emergency Appeal**” and hand it in. Please make any cheques payable “to St. Josephs”. Or you can use Internet Banking to make a payment to :-

Account Name: St Josephs Parish

Sort Code: 67 06 52

Account Number: 54691268