

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

To me, this Gospel reading speaks volumes about what it means to be faithful to God. It’s one thing to speak about what you intend on doing with your faith, but it’s another thing to actually follow God’s call, to act. In this parable, Jesus raises a simple yet profound point: Actively following God takes more of an effort than just claiming to follow him.

I practice my faith as a way of becoming closer to both God and the world around me. I communicate with God in the hopes of learning more about myself and how I can help those in need. Although I try to make time everyday to pray, I find that things like homework, jobs, extracurricular activities, and other commitments can sometimes get in the way. I may say to myself, “I’m going take some time today to be with God,” but instead end up stretching myself thin, and end up hardly having a single moment to pray that day. Much like what we hear in the reading, saying to ourselves we will make time to pray is ultimately not the same as actually praying. I encourage all of us to take those little moments out of the day to settle ourselves in prayer. Simply take a moment, breath, and say to God, “Be present to me, Lord. Be with me in these next moments. Make this moment a sacrament. I offer it to you, for us.” This helps us all live out what God wants our faith experience to be.

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

<b>1st OCTOBER 2023</b> <b>26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 30th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 2nd October	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd October	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 4th October	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 5th October	10:00am	Mass
Friday 6th October		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 7th October	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 8th October	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

**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](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Pat Mundy

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

**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.

**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 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 21 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people. "Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, 'Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.'  
"The son answered, 'I don't want to.' Later on he thought better of it and went.

"The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, 'Sure, glad to.'  
But he never went.

"Which of the two sons did what the father asked?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said, "Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God's kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn't care enough to change and believe him."



*"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"*

St Francis of Assisi