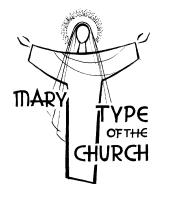
Gospel Reflection

Is there an unforgivable sin? Jesus says that it is blasphemous and unforgivable to call the work of God evil and to accuse God's representative as an agent of Satan. But in truth, all sin is forgivable as long as the sinner is sincerely repentant. But sometimes people may become so consumed with darkness and evil that they have no desire to repent. In this part of today's Gospel, Jesus issues a stern warning against aligning ourselves with Satan.

Regarding what some perceive as Jesus being rude to his mother, scholars tell us that Jesus wanted to communicate that the bond among his disciples is closer and more important than the bond among blood relatives. The closest relative of Jesus is he/she who hears his word and acts on it. No one did this better than Mary who is often called the "first disciple."



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.

NEWSLETTER

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

9th JUNE 2024 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 9th June	10:00am 7:00pm	Mass (Livestreamed) Indoor air pollution talk
Monday 10th June	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 11th June	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 12th June	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 13th June	10:00am	Mass
Friday 14th June		No Mass
Saturday 15th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 16th June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

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200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize This week – Mrs Geraldine Doherty

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 25th June at 10.30am, everyone is welcome.

Winsford Sustainability Partners

Free Event: Indoor air pollution: what is it? How does it affect me? What can I do about it? Speaker: Mark Thompson, local engineer and energy specialist <u>www.getenergysavvy.info</u>, followed by Q&A Sunday 9th June 7.00pm – 8.30pm here in the church. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Prisoner Outreach

We have sent a cheque for £45 to Prisoner Outreach which is in additions of £125 in August 2023 and £60 in February 2024. Thank you to everyone who has brought in their loose change for the prisoner outreach.

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.

St Joseph pray for us

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

Jesus came home and, as usual, a crowd gathered— so many making demands on him that there wasn't even



time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was getting carried away with himself.

The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumours that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story: "Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan, there soon wouldn't be any Satan left. Do you think it's possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man, and walk off with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out.

"Listen to this carefully. I'm warning you. There's nothing done or said that can't be forgiven. But if you persist in your slanders against God's Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives." He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil.

Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, "Your mother and brothers and

sisters are outside looking for you." Jesus responded, "Who do you think are my mother and brothers?" Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, "Right here, right in front of you—my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words" St Francis of Assisi