

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Interestingly, mustard seeds are generally planted as an annual harvest. Jesus' expectation that his 'seedlings' would be enough to thwart the traditions that had held so many captive. And that, like seedlings, it is the striving for light, for life, for transformation, that should sustain them allowing them to grow into something more.

If you have ever seen seedlings of any kind, you cannot fail to be amazed by their tenacity; finding purchase in concrete, through tarmac, surrounded by brambles or edging out of the cracks of mortared brickwork. Beholden to no-one, except their Maker, they reach out to every drop of morning dew or misted rain; they suck the nutrients from the scarified dust and tie their roots into the barest of hopes.

And they persevere. Their life wrapped in God's desire; a thread in the weave. Each one of us is a part of the pattern. Despite, in spite of, the trials and the temptations that surround us we are reminded that it is not about just us, but about the 'bigness' of being part of something more. Something that will be a home and refuge for those in need.



### **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>16th JUNE 2024</b> <b>11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 15th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 16th June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 17th June	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 18th June	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 19th June	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 20th June		<b>No Mass</b>
Friday 21st June		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 22nd June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 23rd June	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 – Mr Paul Williams

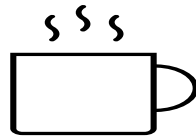
**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**Responsorial Psalm**

It is good to give you  
thanks, O Lord

**Coffee morning**

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



**General Election**

For guidance on voting in the General Election please see the poster  
in the porch, or go to the following website  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

**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**

Mark 4 26 – 34



Then Jesus said, “God’s kingdom is like seed thrown  
on a field by a man who then goes to bed and forgets about it. The  
seed sprouts and grows - he has no idea how it happens. The earth  
does it all without his help: first a green stem of grass, then a bud, then  
the ripened grain. When the grain is fully formed, he reaps—harvest  
time!



“How can we picture God’s kingdom?  
What kind of story can we use? It’s like a  
pine nut. When it lands on the ground it  
is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is  
planted it grows into a huge pine tree  
with thick branches. Eagles nest in it.”

With many stories like these, he  
presented his message to them, fitting  
the stories to their experience and  
maturity. He was never without a story  
when he spoke. When he was alone with  
his disciples, he went over everything,  
sorting out the tangles, untying the knots.

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi