

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Life as a fisherman at sea, perhaps more than in other occupations, must lead I think to a deep appreciation of the fragility and uncertainty of existence, and must develop a strong sense of the dependency of daily living on the forces of nature and the mercy of God. Certainly the occupation requires courage in the face of danger and the unknown, fortitude, persistence and independence, as well as physical and mental stamina. Trust is also required - trust in God to protect and guide their endeavours; and trust in each other, because each individual's economic and physical well-being depends on the joint actions and team work of all others aboard. I wonder if Christ chose so many fishermen for his apostles to establish and build his Kingdom because of these inherent characteristics. For these qualities came to be essential traits in the early Christians, and through these strengths and the power of the Holy Spirit the community of the early church blossomed out of firm foundations.

At the close of the gospel passage Christ gently rebukes the disciples for their failure to have complete trust in Him. Let's pray that we might grow stronger in both the characteristics shown by the disciple-fishermen and in our faith in Christ.

Then we too can build a community rooted in trust in each other and in Christ, and bring His message of salvation to others through the witness of our lives.

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

 23rd JUNE 2024 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 22nd June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 23rd June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 24th June		No Mass
Tuesday 25th June	10:30am	No Mass Coffee morning
Wednesday 26th June		No Mass
Thursday 27th June		No Mass
Friday 28th June		No Mass
Saturday 29th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 30th June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

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

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Catherine Chilton

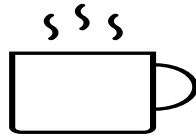
**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

Responsorial Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord, for
his love endures forever.

Coffee morning

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



Mid-Cheshire Climate Hustings

Sunday 23rd June from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (doors open at 6:15pm) at
Winsford Academy. Please see the poster in the porch for more
information or go to
<https://winsfordsustainability.wordpress.com/2024/06/11/climate-hustings-for-mid-cheshire/> to view the online poster.

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 35 – 41



Late that day he said to them, “Let’s go
across to the other side.” They took him in the boat as he was. Other
boats came along. A huge storm came up. Waves poured into the boat,
threatening to sink it. And Jesus was in the stern, head on a pillow,
sleeping! They roused him, saying, “Teacher, is it nothing to you that
we’re going down?”

Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea,
“Quiet! Settle down!”

The wind ran out of breath; the
sea became smooth as glass.
Jesus reprimanded the disciples:
“Why are you such cowards?
Don’t you have any faith at all?”

They were in absolute awe,
staggered. “Who is this, anyway?”
they asked. “Wind and sea at his
beck and call!”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

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.