

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Jesus, however, does not stop there. He then tells his listeners: "I am the bread of life. It is true that our ancestors ate manna in the desert. However, I am the living bread come down from heaven! Anyone who eats this 'bread' will never die." The people listening to Jesus were scandalized! After all, who was he to make such fantastic claims? True, he was a powerful preacher but how could he be "the bread of life?" And then Jesus goes one step further and says: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

How would you respond if you heard a person making these claims? We automatically might categorize them as a 'nut case' or a religious fanatic. However, we never know when, how or through what individual, Jesus may come to us. After all, Jesus is the "living" bread. He has power far beyond our imagination. The reality is: he is always with us! However, we are not always aware of his presence.

Today I invite you to be awake and alert. Jesus, our "bread from heaven," may appear to us in strange or unusual ways. Or he appear to us in the daily: disguised in a friend, an unexpected helping hand or in the quiet of the morning. Keep your eyes, ears, mind and heart open and alert. Don't want to miss him! What a loss that would be!



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

11th AUGUST 2024 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 10th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 11th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 12th August	TBC	Funeral
Tuesday 13th August	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 14th August	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 15th August	10:00am	Mass
Friday 16th August		No Mass
Saturday 17th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 18th August	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 – Mr Colin McKay

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Irish Music

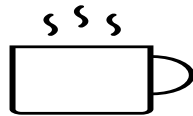
Anyone interested in meeting to discuss/share Irish music. Someone has reached out to see if people would like to meet. Please contact Phil to share your interest.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Mass for the Assumption on Thursday is at 10am, this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning will be in September.



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

John 6 41-51



At this, because he said, "I am the Bread that came down from heaven," the Jews started arguing over him: "Isn't this the son of Joseph? Don't we know his father? Don't we know his mother? How can he now say, 'I came down out of heaven' and expect anyone to believe him?"

Jesus said, "Don't bicker among yourselves over me. You're not in charge here. The Father who sent me is in charge. He draws people to me—that's the only way you'll ever come. Only then do I do my work, putting people together, setting them on their feet, ready for the End. This is what the prophets meant when they wrote, 'And then they will all be personally taught by God.' Anyone who has spent any time at all listening to the Father, really listening and therefore learning, comes to me to be taught personally - to see it with his own eyes, hear it with his own ears, from me, since I have it firsthand from the Father. No one has seen the Father except the One who has his Being alongside the Father—and you can see *me*."

"I'm telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: Whoever believes in me has real life, eternal life. I am the Bread of Life. Your ancestors ate the manna bread in the desert and died. But now here is Bread that truly comes down out of heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will not die, ever. I am the Bread – living Bread! - who came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi