

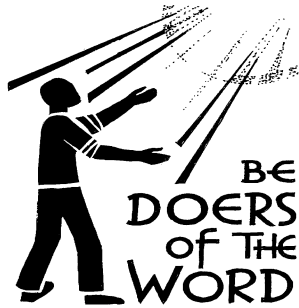
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The distinction between the way of life of the Pharisees and the deeper meaning given by Jesus is clearly stated. We can become very shallow if we only fulfil the ‘obligations’ of society and pay no attention to where our heart is. God tells us that we are important, that we are loved by Him, and helps us to live that deeper life and so appreciate the gifts below the surface.

It’s good to give thought to what is ‘coming into me’ and where it comes from, as well as what is ‘going out from me’ and where it comes from. Authenticity and happiness are consolations that go deep even if the surface aspect of life is disturbed. The self-knowledge that comes from God’s work in us is peaceful.

Jesus often impresses upon us the need to act upon his word. It is not enough to honour him with our lips. One can argue with words, but deeds speak for themselves. The Word is planted deep in me, and I pray in the words of the Apostle James, “let me be a doer of the word, and not a forgetful hearer. If I am a doer that acts, I shall be blessed in my doing.”



Pause for Hope

Pause for Hope is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on Sunday 15 September at 3pm in Saint Columba’s church, Chester. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

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

1st SEPTEMBER 2024 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 31st August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 2nd September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 4th September	10:00am	Mass (school will be attending)
Thursday 5th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 6th September		No Mass
Saturday 7th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 8th September	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 Pat Snape

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

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on
Tuesday 17th September at
10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Confession/Holy Communion

Any parent who wishes that their child join the programme, and does not attend St. Joseph's School can get further information from Christine on Mobile 07527321533
Your child needs to have been baptised and needs to be in school Yr3 or above in September.

Prayer Sponsor.

If you wish to be a prayer sponsor for one of our children on the Sacramental Programme in September, please enter your name on the list in the church porch.
Further Information please phone Christine on 07527321533.

Bingo Night

It's that time of the year, we are starting to collect prizes for our bingo night raising money for parish funds. If you have anything will you leave it in the Sacristy marked 'bingo.' The bingo night is on Friday 8 November.

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

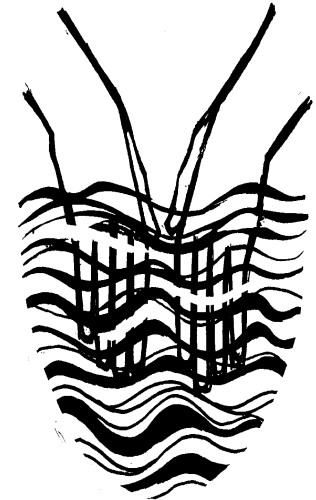
Mark 7 1-8 14-15 22-23



The Pharisees, along with some religion scholars who had come from Jerusalem, gathered around him. They noticed that some of his disciples weren't being careful with ritual washings before meals. The Pharisees - Jews in general, in fact - would never eat a meal without going through the motions of a ritual hand-washing, with an especially vigorous scrubbing if they had just come from the market (to say nothing of the scourings they'd give jugs and pots and pans).

The Pharisees and religion scholars asked, "Why do your disciples flout the rules, showing up at meals without washing their hands?"

Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right about frauds like you, hit the bull's-eye in fact: These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their heart isn't in it. They act like they are worshiping me, but they don't mean it. They just use me as a cover for teaching whatever suits their fancy, Ditching God's command and taking up the latest fads."



Jesus called the crowd together again and said, "Listen now, all of you - take this to heart. It's not what you swallow that pollutes your life; it's what you vomit—that's the real pollution."

He went on: "It's what comes out of a person that pollutes: obscenities, lusts, thefts, murders, adulteries, greed, depravity, deceptive dealings, carousing, mean looks, slander, arrogance, foolishness - all these are vomit from the heart. *There* is the source of your pollution."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi