

# NEWSLETTER

**Gospel Reflection**

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He’s not a quarter hour celebrity. Jesus didn’t want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves – doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: “I don’t believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!” Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Of birth, of love, of hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

**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

<b>8th SEPTEMBER 2024</b>		
<b>23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)</b>		
<b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 7th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 8th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 9th September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 10th September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 11th September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 12th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 13th September		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 14th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 15th September	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 – Mrs Maria Redfearn

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

**SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS**

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

**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.

**Coffee morning**

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

**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 31-37



Then he left the region of Tyre, went through Sidon back to Galilee Lake and over to the district of the Ten Towns.

Some people brought a man who could neither hear nor speak and asked Jesus to lay a healing hand on him. He took the man off by himself, put his fingers in the man’s ears and some spit on the man’s tongue. Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded, “Ephphatha! - Open up!” And it happened. The man’s hearing was clear and his speech plain - just like that.



Jesus urged them to keep it quiet, but they talked it up all the more, beside themselves with excitement. “He’s done it all and done it well. He gives hearing to the deaf, speech to the speechless.”

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

**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.