

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

You give up time for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their face. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. The Paralympics men and women sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us when we give up. If it's real and true we get back a lot. It seems strange for Jesus to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better.

This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very ME conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without much care for others, so long as it does not interfere with them. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of Jesus is never done. Losing life and saving life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world!

If my own life is my main concern, my circle of care extends just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the outcast.



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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

15th SEPTEMBER 2024 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 14th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 15th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 16th September		No Mass
Tuesday 17th September	10:00am 10:30am	Mass Coffee morning
Wednesday 18th September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 19th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 20th September	11:00am	Requiem Mass – Joe Davies RIP
Saturday 21st September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 22nd September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

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.

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 McQuillan

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

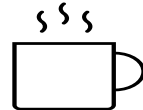
WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

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.

Coffee morning

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



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.

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 8 27-35

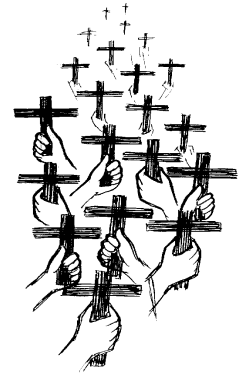


Jesus and his disciples headed out for the villages around Caesarea Philippi. As they walked, he asked, "Who do the people say I am?" "Some say 'John the Baptizer,'" they said. "Others say 'Elijah.' Still others say 'one of the prophets.'"

He then asked, "And you - what are you saying about me? Who am I?" Peter gave the answer: "You are the Christ, the Messiah."

Jesus warned them to keep it quiet, not to breathe a word of it to anyone. He then began explaining things to them: "It is necessary that the Son of Man proceed to an ordeal of suffering, be tried and found guilty by the elders, high priests, and religion scholars, be killed, and after three days rise up alive." He said this simply and clearly so they couldn't miss it.

But Peter grabbed him in protest. Turning and seeing his disciples wavering, wondering what to believe, Jesus confronted Peter. "Peter, get out of my way! Satan, get lost! You have no idea how God works."



Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi