

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

In last week's lesson from Mark, Jesus had told the disciples about the suffering he was to undergo and the requirement that following him also meant suffering. In this week's lesson, Jesus again tells his disciples that he will be betrayed and killed and will rise again.

Mark tells us that Jesus restricted this knowledge to the disciples because he didn't want anyone else to know it. I'm wondering if he really needed to be so restrictive about the information. After all, the disciples not only did not understand what he meant; they were afraid to ask him to explain it all to them.

Something apparently they did understand was priority. They argued about who was the greatest. Jesus answered this concern by giving a lesson and an example. An example that told them what greatest meant to him.

He said "Whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all." He then showed them a little child and said, "When you welcome the weak and defenseless, you are welcoming me."

Not only are we great when we help the weak, we also see him in the weak.



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

22nd SEPTEMBER 2024 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 21st September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 22nd September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 23rd September		No Mass
Tuesday 24th September		No Mass
Wednesday 25th September		No Mass
Thursday 26th September		No Mass
Friday 27th September		No Mass
Saturday 28th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 29th 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 Ethna Colgan

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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 coffee morning on Tuesday made £156. Thank you to everyone who organised the coffee morning and to those who came to support it. The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 15th October at 10:30am.

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 9: 30 37



Leaving there, they went through Galilee. He didn't want anyone to know their whereabouts, for he wanted to teach his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive." They didn't know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it.



They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?" The silence was deafening - they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest.

He sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all."

He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me - God who sent me."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Shared Table

There is a shared table after the Mass on Sunday 6 October.

