

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Widows are mentioned in both sections of this gospel. They represent the poorest and most vulnerable people in society. But those who "devour widows' houses", who multiply their sufferings, can be seen strutting around in public, even praying in public, seeking to be honoured. Such hypocrisy is hateful to Jesus.

Then Jesus sees a poor widow putting her last couple of small coins ("all she had to live on") into the temple treasury. He is astounded and contrasts her generosity with the disposition (not necessarily bad) of the rich who made large offerings "out of their abundance". Implicitly he may be criticising the religious authorities for the pressure they put on people to part with what they cannot afford.

Do I appreciate the qualities that can be found in the widows (and other poor) of my world?



Assisted Dying

There will be a meeting about assisted dying in St Wilfred's Church Northwich on Tuesday 19th November at 7pm. Speakers Deacon David Harrison, who is the Catholic Chaplain at Leighton Hospital and Karyn Johnson, who is the Director of East Cheshire Hospice. Come and have your say on this very important topic.

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

10th NOVEMBER 2024 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 9th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 10th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 11th November		No Mass
Tuesday 12th November	10:30am	No Mass Coffee morning
Wednesday 13th November		No Mass
Thursday 14th November		No Mass
Friday 15th November		No Mass
Saturday 16th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 17th November	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 & Mrs Anthony and Barbara Garner

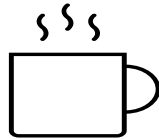
WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Talk by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald

Cardinal Fitzgerald has spent all his working life as a missionary on the interface between Islam and Christianity, heading important Vatican departments in this field and working in key Middle East postings, including Egypt and Jerusalem. He is coming to St Werburgh’s (CH1 1QJ) on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 pm to talk about Muslim-Christian Relations Today, and to answer our questions. All very welcome. 7.30 pm start, 8.15 pm Questions and Answers, 9.00 pm finish.

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 12th November at 10:30am, everyone is welcome. Men will be made welcome to the coffee morning too.



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 12 38 – 44



Jesus continued teaching. “Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they’ll pay for it in the end.”

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins - a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford - she gave her all.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi