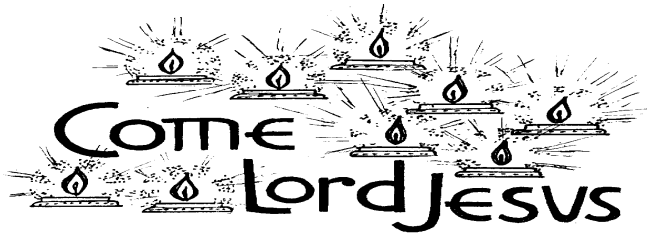


Gospel Reflection

We frequently hear the phrase, "the signs of the times". This gospel deals with the signs of the end-times. Is there a certain tension between the description of these events (taken in part from the Book of Daniel) and the last verse which states that "about that day or hour no one knows...but only the Father"?

Some Christians have been led astray by becoming fixated on signs of various sorts and prophesying the imminent end of the world. It may be more prudent to expect the unexpected and simply be ready to welcome the Son of Man whenever he comes. In the meantime be consoled by Jesus' words: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away".



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.

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.

NEWSLETTER

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

17th NOVEMBER 2024 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 16th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 17th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 18th November		No Mass
Tuesday 19th November	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 20th November		No Mass
Thursday 21st November	10:00am	Mass
Friday 22nd November		No Mass
Saturday 23rd November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 24th 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 – Mrs Monica Magee

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

The Bingo Night on Friday 9th November raised a grand total of £1,941. Thank you to those who helped to organise the event, to those who donated prizes, those who bought raffle tickets (sorry if you didn't win) and especially to those who came to the bingo on the night. It was a great night. There are 3 unclaimed raffle tickets, green ticket 445-450, yellow ticket 361-365 and yellow ticket 186-190. Maureen has ordered the material for the chairs, which should be here by Thursday. If anyone has a staple gun that we can borrow that would save us buying one.

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.

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 13 24 – 32



Jesus said to his disciples.

“Watch out. I've given you fair warning.

“Following those hard times, Sun will fade out, moon cloud over, Stars fall out of the sky, cosmic powers tremble.

“And then they'll see the Son of Man enter in grand style, his Arrival filling the sky - no one will miss it! He'll dispatch the angels; they will pull in the chosen from the four winds, from pole to pole.



“Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer's just around the corner. And so it is with you. When you see all these things, you know he is at the door. Don't take this lightly. I'm not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too - these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out.

“But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father.”

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

The coffee morning on Tuesday made £115. Thank you to everyone who organised the coffee morning and to those who came to support it. The next coffee morning will be in January 2025, date to be confirmed.