

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

On this First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. This season of Advent reminds us to be attentive of the various ways Jesus daily comes into our lives. However, the Gospel reading for this first Sunday of Advent is a bit unsettling. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. And on earth, nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves!"

Jesus tells his disciples: "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and glory! Be attentive! These signs will tell you that your redemption is at hand!" He then cautions his disciples: "Do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness or the anxieties of daily life. If you do so, that day may catch you by surprise!" Jesus' words are spoken in an urgent tone of voice. Clearly he hopes we will be alert and awake to his coming, not only at the "end of time" but today and every day.

Given the busyness of our daily lives, it is easy to "become drowsy" to Jesus' coming. Often there is much to be done and not enough time to do it. Yet, do we want to miss the ways Jesus may come to us? If daily we are attentive to Jesus' presence with us, this daily attentiveness will ensure that we will be ready to meet Him when we come to the end of our lives. Today be mindful of Jesus' presence with you: in the laughter of a child, in the beauty of snow or simply in a quiet moment. He is always with us! However, often we are not present to Him!



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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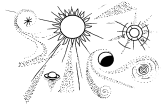
General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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

1st DECEMBER 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 30th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st December	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 2nd December	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd December	11:15am	Requiem Mass – Margaret Chwastek RIP
Wednesday 4th December		No Mass
Thursday 5th December		No Mass
Friday 6th December		No Mass
Saturday 7th December	5:15pm 6:30pm	Mass Indian Curry meal
Sunday 8th December	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 Margaret O'Hare

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Christmas Concert

Anyone allowed Christmas concert on Thursday 12th December at 7:30pm. There will be a collection for charity on the night.

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning will be in January 2025, date to be confirmed.

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.

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

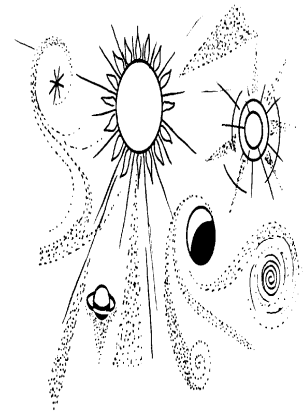
Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

It will seem like all hell has broken loose—sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking.



And then—then!—they'll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way!

But be on your guard. Don't let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it's going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don't go to sleep at the switch. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that's coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi