

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Mary moves from those who would gossip and doubt to the arms of a kindred spirit. Her soul's friend, Elizabeth, is filled with the goodness and grace of God rather than the accusation and judgement of her neighbours.

After all, Elizabeth has something in common with Mary - Elizabeth knows that the Lord is with Mary; knows that the Lord is with her; knows that the Lord is with all of us if we are willing to accept the invitation.

Within Elizabeth, the prophetic voice of John also speaks; generations already naming Mary as blessed; most fortunate; most joyful of women - her fullness; our fullness of faith - if we have faith. If we are not part of the doubt and denial that the world can change - has already changed - and that we are part of God's plan. That Love will come again; that we will give birth to a new tomorrow.



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"
 Philipians 2:2

|  22nd DECEMBER 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES  | | |
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| Saturday 21st December | 5:15pm | Mass |
| Sunday 22nd December | 10:00am | Mass (Livestreamed) |
| Monday 23rd December | | No Mass |
| Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve | 6:30pm 7:00pm | Christmas Carols Mass |
| Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day | 10:00am | Mass |
| Thursday 26th December | | No Mass |
| Friday 27th December | | No Mass |
| Saturday 28th December | 5:15pm | Mass |
| Sunday 29th 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 Victoria Cummings

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Pensioner’s Christmas Dinner

The Parish would like to thank Father Simon, Phil Martin, all of the cooks who prepared the Christmas dinner and to the volunteers who helped. The meal was fantastic and the choir entertained the pensioners with some Carols. Everyone had a great time!

Christmas Cake Raffle

The winner of the Christmas Cake raffle is number 276 to 280. Thanks to Maureen for making the cake, which raised £80 and has been donated to the coffee morning funds.

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 1: 39-45



Mary didn’t waste a minute. She got up and travelled to a town in Judah in the hill country, straight to Zachariah’s house, and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit, and sang out exuberantly,

You’re so blessed among women,
and the babe in your womb, also blessed!
And why am I so blessed that
the mother of my Lord visits me?
The moment the sound of your
greeting entered my ears,
The babe in my womb
skipped like a lamb for sheer joy.
Blessed woman, who believed what God said,
believed every word would come true!



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”
St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on
14th January 2025 at 10:30am,
everyone is welcome.

