

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

In the 25th chapter of Isaiah we find a beautiful vision of what happens when God’s victory is made manifest: *On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.*

In the Revelation to John, towards the end when the victory of God is nearly fulfilled we find a similar theme: *Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the lamb.*

There’s a horrible mistake been made when “religion” and “church” are words synonymous with “boring,” and “lifeless.” Yes, of course there are things to be serious about, and there need to be moments of great solemnity in our common spiritual life.

But, the Kingdom of God is like a party. A feast. With fine food and well-aged wines. That’s the very opposite of boring and lifeless. Jesus turned water into wine. 120 to 180 gallons of it. Well-aged wine, like the feast of God in Isaiah.

Until it’s not someone else’s wedding he’s supplying the drink for, but his own. So, get that dour look off your face and start spreading the Good News: The Church isn’t boring. The Kingdom of God is near.



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

19th JANUARY 2025 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 18th January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 19th January	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 20th January		No Mass
Tuesday 21st January		No Mass
Wednesday 22nd January		No Mass
Thursday 23rd January		No Mass
Friday 24th January		No Mass
Saturday 25th January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 26th January	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 Anne Johnson

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome, we hope more men will come and enjoy a cuppa.

Father Simon's Sabbatical

Father Simon will be taking his 3 month sabbatical between May and August this year. A sabbatical is a break given to all priests who have served 25 years in the priesthood. Most priests use this time to go travelling. Father Simon would like to go to Japan. As it has been a very difficult two years with the loss of his dad and brother, we as a parish would like to help Father Simon his expenses and day to day living costs. If you would like to donate and help him, we will be collecting after Mass in the porch for the next two weeks. Thank you. Father Simon will really appreciate your kindness.

Christmas Cards

After the Festive Season could you please bring in your unwanted Christmas Cards as they can be re-cycled.

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 John 2 1 – 11

There was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, "They're just about out of wine."

Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother - yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me."

She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it."

Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim.

"Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host," Jesus said, and they did.

When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom,

"Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!"

This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

The Order of Mass Cards

If you have taken one of the Order of Mass cards home with you can you please return it back, we only have about 16 cards left.