

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

On that day, Anna the prophetess also was in the temple. When Anna saw Mary, Joseph and Jesus she also came to them and prophesied that this tiny baby would bring about the redemption of Jerusalem. I wonder how the people in the Temple reacted to this prophecy? Did they believe what Anna and Simeon were saying? Or were they skeptical and non-believing?

Imagine yourself in this scene! How would you react to these happenings? Would you be a believer or would you be a skeptic? At various time in our history, we all have heard “prophecies” of happenings that would occur in the near future. And most often, we wait and wait. And typically, they do not occur. However, the time will come when the prophecy will be fulfilled!

How would life be different for us, if we lived each day as if it is our last day? How would you spend your day? Who would you spend your time with if today was the last day? Would you go to church? Or spend some time with God in another way?

Today could be our last day!
May we live this day fully and
with thanksgiving and
awareness!



Funeral Notice

The funeral for Patrina Emes is 10.45am on Tuesday 11 February, Mass is at 9.45am in St Joseph’s.

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

 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 1st February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 2nd February	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 3rd February		No Mass
Tuesday 4th February		No Mass
Wednesday 5th February		No Mass
Thursday 6th February		No Mass
Friday 7th February		No Mass
Saturday 8th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 9th February	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 Martin Beveridge

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

Parking Notice

Please do not park on the yellow lines at the church as the cars block the ramps needed for wheelchairs and prams. In previous weeks, people in wheelchairs have needed help to get up the curbs.

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.

Father Simon’s Sabbatical

We are collecting for a final week for Father Simon’s sabbatical to Japan in May. So far we have collected £165, if we can get to £200 that will be nice.

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Gospel Luke 2 22 – 40



The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the Law of Moses says a mother is supposed to do after her baby is born.

They took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and presented him to the Lord, just as the Law of the Lord says, “Each first-born baby boy belongs to the Lord.” The Law of the Lord also says that parents have to offer a sacrifice, giving at least a pair of doves or two young pigeons. So that is what Mary and Joseph did.

At this time a man named Simeon was living in Jerusalem. Simeon was a good man. He loved God and was waiting for God to save the people of Israel. God’s Spirit came to him and told him that he would not die until he had seen Christ the Lord.

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to do what the Law of Moses says should be done for a new baby, the Spirit told Simeon to go into the temple.

Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God,
“Lord, I am your servant, and now I can die in peace, because you have kept your promise to me. With my own eyes I have seen what you have done to save your people, and foreign nations will also see this. Your mighty power is a light for all nations, and it will bring honour to your people Israel.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 18th February at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome, and we hope that more men will join us for the coffee morning.