

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Today’s Gospel begins with Jesus getting into a boat and teaching the crowds from offshore. After he finished teaching, Jesus tells Simon to put out into deep water and to lower their nets. However, that was the last thing Peter wanted to hear. They had been fishing all day long and had caught nothing! Peter was tired and frustrated. He was ready to go home and rest. However, after a time Peter reluctantly says: “at your request I will lower the nets.” To Peter’s great surprise they caught so many fish their nets began to tear!

I would guess that most of us can identify with Peter! We too have times in our lives when it seems like we are not succeeding. We may be making great efforts to live life well. We may be working diligently and doing our best. However, these efforts don’t seem to bear much fruit. At these times, it is natural to get disheartened and frustrated! However, will we be open and respond to Jesus’ invitation to “keep lowering our nets?” Or will we say “enough is enough.” Or will we listen to his call, heed his voice and trust him? May we pray for the grace to have an open mind and a willing heart!



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

9th FEBRUARY 2025 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 8th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 9th February	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 10th February		No Mass
Tuesday 11th February	9:45am	Funeral - Patrina Emes RIP
Wednesday 12th February	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 13th February	10:00am	Mass
Friday 14th February		No Mass
Saturday 15th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 16th 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 – Mrs Catherine Kavanagh

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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.

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.

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 5 1 – 11



Once, when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God.

He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "*Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.*"

Simon said, "*Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets.*"



It was no sooner said than done - a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "*Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself.*" When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, co-workers with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "*There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women.*" They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi