

## Gospel Reflection

"We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can't see the stars. God's mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness.' So when Jesus acts as confessor to the woman he does not humiliate her, he does not say: 'What have you done? When did you do it? How did you do it? With whom did you do it?' No! He says: 'Go and do not sin again!' God's mercy is great, Jesus's mercy is great.

We find the warm and open heart of Jesus hard to take. It seems too good to be true that God is so forgiving. One way to understand God's mercy is to allow ourselves to be forgiven and show mercy. It is the sort of mercy a parent shows when they still believe in their child who has done great wrong. Trainee teachers were sometimes told – 'when a child really drives you mad, remember he has a mother who loves him'! A help to show mercy is to see the mercy in the eye of God for someone with whom we have a big difference.

Mercy when we receive it helps us show mercy ourselves. When we are hard on others, it's sometimes because we are hard on ourselves and cannot really believe we are loved. The light of God's mercy is bright enough that you can no longer see the stars that are our sins and faults and failings. Maybe Jesus means something like this when he says that he is the light of the world.

### **St George's Fish and Chip Supper**

There is a St George's Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm. Please see the menu and form in reception.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon or see him at Mass at 10am on Sunday.

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 Chris Wells.

## NEWSLETTER

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

 <div><b>6th APRIL 2025</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE C)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b></div>		
Saturday 5th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 6th April	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 7th April	11:00am	Funeral – Robert Disley RIP
Tuesday 8th April	11:00am	Funeral – John Hughes RIP
Wednesday 9th April		<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 10th April	10:00am	Mass
Friday 11th April		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 12th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 13th April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email  
to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize

This week – Mr David Burgess

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

### Coffee morning

The next coffee morning is on  
Tuesday 20th May at 10:30am,  
everyone is welcome.

### Easter Flowers

We will be collecting donations for our Easter flowers over the next few weeks. You can make a flower donation in memory of a loved one, just put their name and your donation in an envelope. Help us to make our altar look beautiful on this special feast.

### New Sunday Missal

We can order copies of the new Sunday Missal through the parish. If you would like to purchase a copy please put either £20 cash or a cheque made payable to St. Joseph's, Winsford in an envelope with your name and contact telephone number on it. Please either put this in the collection basket or leave it in the Sacristy after Mass. We will place the order the week after Easter.

### Relics Tour

Please see the poster in the porch for full details of the upcoming Tour of the Relics of St. Columba, St. Andrew and St. Margaret at St. Anne's Church in Rock Ferry.

### 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 8 1 – 11

Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them.



The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, *"Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?"* They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, *"The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone."* Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her.

*"Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?"*

*No one, Master."*

*"Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin."*



**"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"**

**St Francis of Assisi**

### Donations

Please consider making a donation to our parish. A QR code had been set up to make this easier and you can still Gift Aid your donation, meaning that St. Joseph's get an added donation without it costing you anything more. Many thanks for considering supporting your parish.

