#### **Gospel Reflection**

You probably do not remember the name Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin. Many years ago, he was one of the most powerful men on earth. A Russian Communist leader, he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. He was the editor of the Soviet newspaper Pravda and was a full member of the Politburo. His works on economics and political science are still read today. There is a story told about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly of Communists. The subject was atheism. Addressing the crowd, he attacked Christianity, hurling insults and arguments against it. When he had finished, he looked out at the audience. "Are there any guestions?" he demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium. Then one man stood up, approached the platform and mounted the lectern. After surveying the crowd, he shouted the ancient greeting of the Russian Orthodox Church: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" The crowd stood up and shouted in a thundering voice: "HE IS RISEN INDEED!" Amazed and dejected, Bukharin left the stage in silence. Finally, he had learned the lesson that Faith in Christ's Resurrection was deeply rooted in his Russian Orthodox Communist followers!



#### **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

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	20th APRIL 2025 EASTER SUNDAY (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 19th April Holy Saturday		6.30pm	The Great Vigil
Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday		10.00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 21st April			No Mass
Tuesday 22nd April		10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 23rd April		10:00am	Mass
Thursday 24th April		10:00am	Mass
Friday 25th April		7:30pm	No Mass St Georges Day Fish & Chip Supper
Saturday 26th April		5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th April		10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

# If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to <u>stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk</u>

#### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize This week - Mr Pat Cahill WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

#### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Easter flowers, we raised £161.

#### **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.

## St George's Fish and Chip Supper

The St George's Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm.

#### **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.



## 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.

St Joseph pray for us

Gospel John 20 1 - 9





It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from

the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved.

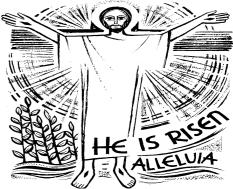
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter, following him, also came up, went into the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying on the ground and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had still not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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

#### **Coffee morning**

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