

## Gospel Reflection

'Do you love me?' Peter is asked this question; I am asked this question too. Do I see the goodness in me that Jesus sees?

As Peter stands before Jesus it is reasonable to presume that he is all too aware of his failure to stand by and with his beloved master during the Passion. And Jesus focuses on his capacity to love, not on his failure. He does not admonish him for his betrayals. Because he loves, Peter is reinstated, and given a great responsibility to care for the early Christian community.

Is this an issue for me, focusing on my failures and unwilling or unable to accept that the Lord loves me as I am?

### **NoMowMay**

Fr Simon has suggested that we join the NoMowMay movement. This is a campaign calling on all lawn owners not to cut the grass in May. This is to allow wild flowers to grow, allowing pollinators to flourish and improve biodiversity. This is why you will see the grass going longer at St Joseph's this month. We will use the spare time to do more weeding and litter picking. We will continue to cut the grass around the prayer labyrinths and Our Lady's grotto. Power to the Flowers!

### **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

### **4th MAY 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES**



Saturday 3rd May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 4th May	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 5th May		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 6th May	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 7th May	10:00am	Mass & Holy Hour
Thursday 8th May	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 9th May		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 10th May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 11th May	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 – Mrs Pat Snape

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

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

**St Francis of Assisi**

#### Weekday services

When Father Simon goes on his sabbatical, we will be having Eucharistic services on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. We will also have a Mass followed by a Holy hour on Wednesday at 10am. Please come along to Holy hour and sit quietly with Jesus, you don't have to stay the full hour, you can stay as long as you want. Say your rosary, talk to Jesus or just be at peace with Him.

#### Coffee morning

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

#### St Joseph's Summer Fair

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the school summer fair from 2 - 5pm on Wednesday 25th June please. Volunteers will be helping to support traditional fairground activities for the children, such as hook a duck and hoopla. If you are able to help, please message Loui Frost on [07414 704 920](tel:07414704920). Many thanks!

#### **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 21 1-19

After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it:

Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?". They answered, "No."

He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens."

They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!"

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore - 153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Simon answered "Yes, Master, you know I love you."

And then he commanded, "Follow me."

