

Gospel Reflection

What are the greatest examples of love you can think of? We might think of some great poems and sonnets and love songs that have been written that express the emotion of love. But in reality, love is intensely practical. The hospice nurse caring for the dying patient. The mother clearing up her child's sick in the middle of the night. The Foodbank staff listening to a client and providing for their needs. The parents who sacrifice their own dreams for the sake of their children. These are examples of love – love that is intensely practical...

Jesus' death on the cross was intensely practical. It wasn't a glorious chapter in his life; he was alone, he was in pain, he had to grit his teeth and just get on with it. That is practical love in action.

We too are called to practical love: to meet the needs of others in pragmatic ways that speak of love and care and compassion. We can't walk by on the other side of the road. We are to meet needs wherever and whenever we can.

Practical love that is worked out in kindness and gentleness and patience and hospitality.

And we pray for ourselves that, as time goes by, we may increasingly model ourselves after the example of Jesus and fulfil the commandment to love as he has loved us.



Notre Dame School job vacancies

- Assistant Head of Year
- Chaplain
- Behaviour Support Officer

Closing date will be 4th June. Please see the poster in the porch or go to the website - <https://notredameliverpool.com/work-for-us/>

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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General Queries – ring the Parish Number
and/or send an email to the Parish

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

18th MAY 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 17th May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 18th May	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 19th May		No Mass
Tuesday 20th May	10:00am 10:30am	Eucharistic Service Coffee morning
Wednesday 21st May		No Mass
Thursday 22nd May	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 23rd May		No Mass
Saturday 24th May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 25th May	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 Brian Gum

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Votive candles

If you are lighting a candle for a prayer intention, the tea light candles are 20p each. Please make sure you pay for each candle that you use.

Coffee morning

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

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.

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

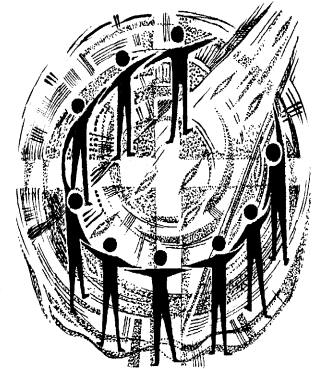
John 13 31 – 35

Judas, with the piece of bread, left. It was night.

When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified - glory all around!

"Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.'

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognise that you are my disciples - when they see the love you have for each other."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

In memory of Darek

A member of our congregation called Darek has sadly died, he was only 40 years old. His wife Monika is now having to raise their 3 young children Natalia, Kacper and Emilia. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help them through this difficult time. We had a collection tin last weekend at the church and we are having another collection this weekend too. Please show your support to this young family by donating in the collection tin or by going to <https://gofund.me/7755c042>. Thank you.