

Gospel Reflection

John reminds us again of what a great vision we can have in hindsight. In the joy and revelation of the Resurrection it must have been easy to sit around the campfire or the table of hospitality and cast their minds back to all those sayings of Jesus that had made no sense at the time.



Here we are introduced to the idea of God as Trinity. In one breath Jesus speaks of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; a Union that give Christians a deep assuredness of God's presence in all of their lives. For the Jewish disciples, the opposite of everything they were taught to believe in. No wonder it had made no sense; that Jesus regarded God as intimately as a son would love a human father was enough of a challenge. And now, the Holy Spirit – sent from both the Father and the Son to be our guardian and guide. God fusses over us, as Jesus reminds us, like a hen with her chicks.

As Christians we need this wraparound of God's presence that we call on with every Sign of the Cross. Our lives will be anything but easy if we try to follow our brother Jesus as he invites us to. We need to learn to lean on him in our troubles and to accept the gift of his peace. A peace that trusts that the Father holds us and that the Holy Spirit watches over us. A peace that trusts that we too are part of this relationship of Love.

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.

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

25th MAY 2025 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 24th May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 25th May	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 26th May		No Mass
Tuesday 27th May		No Mass
Wednesday 28th May		No Mass
Thursday 29th May The Ascension	10:00am	Mass
Friday 30th May		No Mass
Saturday 31st May	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st June	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 David Haines

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Day of Formation in Liturgical Prayer & Sacred Music

A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28th June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email stockportshrine@gmail.com

Coffee morning

Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised £144. Thanks to those who organised the coffee morning and those who came to support it. The next Coffee Morning is on Tuesday 24th June at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

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 14: 23-29



Jesus said to his disciples. "If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him - we'll move right into the neighbourhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn't mine. It's the message of the Father who sent me.

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left - feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

"You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away, and I'm coming back.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I'm on my way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of my life.

"I've told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me. I'll not be talking with you much more like this because the chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don't worry - he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father's instructions right down to the last detail.

"Get up. Let's go. It's time to leave here."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo's Letter

There are copies of Pope Leo's letter that Father Colin read out last weekend available in the porch. There is also a copy on the notice board and on the website.

Quote from Pope Leo XIV.

" Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers.

And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith.

I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies...come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers.

He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you...are one of them."

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)