

## Gospel Reflection

"Father" is the most starkly simple introduction of a prayer in the entire tradition of Israel. It may be a child's word, Abba, Daddy. It is a word of family intimacy. All of this prayer is thoroughly Jewish. I recommend that you look up Joseph Fitzmyer's commentary 900-901, where he collects a series of quotations from various Jewish prayers that have almost exactly the same content. The difference is that there are a lot more words. Jesus' prayer is starkly simple; it's also starkly brief and intimate. These are the things that you would say to your father.



### Lourdes Pilgrimage Information

Our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage is in Lourdes, with the theme '*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*'.

On Sunday 27 July we will be joining the International Mass at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July we will be joining with Hexham & Newcastle Diocese at the Grotto for Mass at 10am (9am UK time). Both Masses and other liturgies will be available to watch on Lourdes TV which can be accessed via [www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com).

Please see the poster in the porch for more information, including the Pilgrimage Intentions for this year. The poster is also on the Parish website.

### 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

 <b>27th JULY 2025</b> <b>17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)</b> <b>MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 26th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 27th July	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 28th July		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 29th July		<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday 30th July		<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 31st July		<b>No Mass</b>
Friday 1st August		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 2nd August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 3rd August	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 Joan Fitzsimmons

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

#### St Joseph's Parish Council

If you have any suggestions for social events, fundraising events, or other concerns that you would like to bring to our attention, please put them in writing and place in the suggestion box in the porch. Thank you.

#### Coffee morning

Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised £135. Thank you to those who organised the coffee morning and those who came to support it. Our next coffee morning will be in September (date TBC).

#### 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

Luke 11:1-13

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray."



So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way:

'Father, help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.'"

Then Jesus went on to say:

Suppose one of you goes to a friend in the middle of the night and says, "Let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has dropped in, and I don't have a thing for him to eat." And suppose your friend answers, "Don't bother me! The door is bolted, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you something."



He may not get up and give you the bread, just because you are his friend. But he will get up and give you as much as you need, simply because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.

So I tell you to ask and you will receive, search and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive, everyone who searches will find, and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. Which one of you fathers would give your hungry child a snake if the child asked for a fish? Which one of you would give your child a scorpion if the child asked for an egg?

As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi