

Gospel Reflection

If you were looking today for that feel-good Gospel passage, you might just walk away disappointed. Yet, Jesus never said that discipleship was one of convenience or that our faith wasn't to be tested and tried through crisis and division. On 14th August in 1941, Maximilian Kolbe's life was ended through lethal injection as a prisoner of Auschwitz during World War II. Along with other Polish clergy, Kolbe was arrested and imprisoned for preaching a countercultural message of life and love in a climate of death and hate. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, neighbor pitted against neighbor. With the evil of Nazism, our faith endured as a light amidst a wave of darkness. Standing in the place of an escaped prisoner, whom he knew to have a family, Kolbe was beaten, stripped, and made to stand in a cell to face starvation. Yet instead of cries, the guards and prisoners heard singing, songs of praise and love for Mary. In fact, Kolbe's courage and witness to this greater love led to the conversion of several of his captors.

There is abundant safety in conforming to the ideas and actions of this world and great risk in following Christ. And while Jesus didn't desire division, He knew the all too certain reality that standing for truth, love, and life in this world would earn one far more enemies than friends. So too, it is a good reminder that there needs to be a passion and fire about who we are as Catholics and Who Jesus is in our lives. Yet this does not necessarily entail entering into heated arguments or distancing ourselves from those we love. For then we are neither present nor a compelling witness to the Good News we profess.



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

 17th AUGUST 2025 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 16th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 17th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 18th August	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 19th August	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 20th August	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 21st August	10:00am	Mass
Friday 22nd August		No Mass
Saturday 23rd August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 24th August	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 – Miss Margaret Cannon

Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has
donated money for the Altar Flowers.

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

St Maximillion Kolbe movie

A movie is coming out about Maximilian Kolbe: "[Triumph of the Heart](#)". This is a new film on Saint Maximilian Kolbe's Final Days in Auschwitz.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 16th September at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

200 Club Winners

The 200 club winners from the previous 2 weeks are:

- Mr Colin Williams (3rd August)
- Mrs Aileen Hollinrake (10th August)

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

Luke 12: 49-53



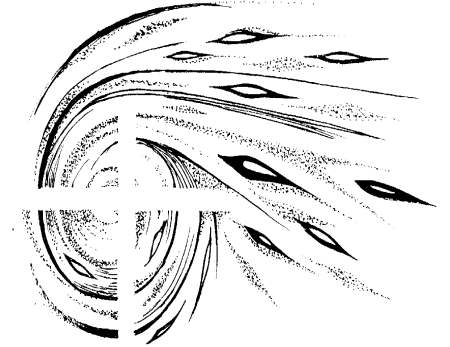
I came to set fire to the earth, and I wish it were
already on fire!

I am going to be put to a hard test. And I will have to suffer a lot of pain
until it is over.

Do you think that I came to bring
peace to earth? No indeed! I came
to make people choose sides.

A family of five will be divided,
with two of them against the
other three. Fathers and sons
will turn against one another,
and mothers and daughters
will do the same.

Mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law will also turn against each other.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Prisoner Outreach

Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time?

The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of
volunteers who have been voluntarily
working in HM Prisons and supplies
copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to
prisoners. Drop your loose change
into the bottle on the table in the
porch and help to support this good cause.

