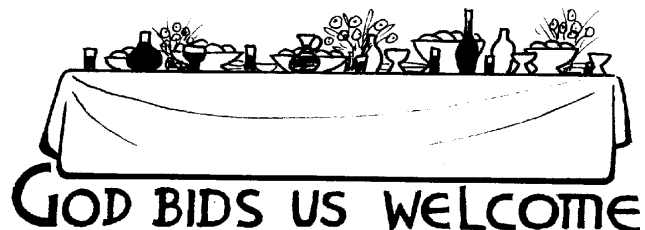


Gospel Reflection

Jesus has spent most of Luke's Gospel teaching us how to be disciples; we have the theory; we have sat and listened; we have been there whilst he was speaking. Perhaps we have not realised that there will be a 'test'. That the test is the day-to-day living of our life.

The theory is not the answer; it simply gives us the method; we have to put words into practice. To get up from our place at the Master's feet and walk the walk. It's like piling the shelves up with self-help guides to health, happiness and love and never trying any of it because the time is not right; like buying a membership to a gym and promising ourselves to go 'tomorrow'. The things that belong to 'tomorrow' are the very things that will weigh us down; distract us and stop us from being able to enter by the narrow door.

If we wish to cross the threshold we need something more than 'we know how to do it- we just haven't ever got round to it'. 'Tomorrow' sometimes has to become 'today'.



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

24th AUGUST 2025 **21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 23rd August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 24th August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 25th August		No Mass
Tuesday 26th August	11:00am	Mass
Wednesday 27th August	Noon	Funeral Service – Rory Stewart RIP
Thursday 28th August	10.00am	Mass
Friday 29th August		No Mass
Saturday 30th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 31st 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 – Mr George Snape

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Cake donations

Maureen is going to make cakes every month (starting in September) to raise money for parish funds. We would be grateful for donations of flour, eggs, currants and butter or margarine to help Maureen make her delicious scones and cakes.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 16th September 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

Luke 13: 22-30

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he taught the people in the towns and villages. Someone asked him, *"Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"*

Jesus answered:

"Do all you can to go in by the narrow door! A lot of people will try to get in, but will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, you will be left standing outside. You will knock on the door and say, 'Sir, open the door for us!'"

But the owner will answer, *"I don't know a thing about you!"*

Then you will start saying, *"We dined with you, and you taught in our streets."*

But he will say, *"I really don't know who you are! Get away from me, you evil people!"*

"Then when you have been thrown outside, you will weep and grit your teeth because you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in God's kingdom.

People will come from all directions and sit down to feast in God's kingdom. There, the ones who are now least important will be the most important, and those who are now most important will be least important".

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

St Francis of Assisi

