

## Gospel Reflection

Notice here that the listing: the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind - reflect those listed in Jesus' initial declaration for his ministry way back in Luke 4:18:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release  
to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.



That word, "proclaim," has lost its real impact in our modern ears. We kind of hear it as, "make an announcement," or "send out an email to everyone." It has been translated as "Gospel," and as "Good News."

But its fuller meaning is "royal decree." Jesus is not just announcing the year of the Lord's favour. He is declaring it; enacting it; making it real; bringing it into effect, into force.

Just as Caesar then, or a modern legislature today creates new realities simply by deciding and declaring (proclaiming) them, that is exactly what Jesus does. He proclaims the year of the Lord's favour and then sets out to live it and show what it means / looks like to others.

### **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

### **31st AUGUST 2025** **22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 30th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 31st August	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 1st September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 2nd September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 3rd September	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 4th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 5th September		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 6th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 7th September	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 Ethna Colgan

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

### SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

#### 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 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

### Gospel

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

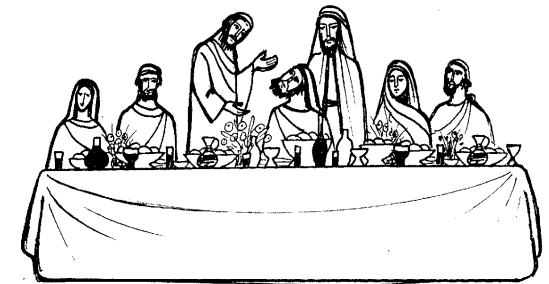


One Sabbath, Jesus was having dinner in the home of an important Pharisee, and everyone was carefully watching Jesus. All of a sudden a man with swollen legs stood up in front of him. Jesus turned and asked the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses, "Is it right to heal on the Sabbath?" But they did not say a word.

Jesus took hold of the man. Then he healed him and sent him away. Afterwards, Jesus asked the people, "If your son or ox falls into a well, wouldn't you pull him out right away, even on the Sabbath?" There was nothing they could say.

Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats. So he told them: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the best place. Someone more important may have been invited. Then the one who invited you will come and say, "Give your place to this other guest!" You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place.

When you are invited to be a guest, go and sit in the worst place. Then the one who invited you may come and say, "My friend, take a better seat!" You will then be honoured in front of all the other guests. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured.



Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbours. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death".

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi