

Gospel Reflection

Jesus switches to an illustration about planning to build a tower and counting the cost before we do so. Or a king preparing to wage war against an enemy but first reckoning on the strength of his own troops before committing himself. In the same way, we are to reckon the cost, count the cost before committing ourselves to a life of discipleship.

Blind commitment that expects only blessings is of no use to God: he wants disciples who are committed and prepared to live sacrificially for him.

Jesus wasn't impressed by large crowds. He wasn't impressed on this occasion. He wasn't impressed on Palm Sunday.

It is easy to join the crowd, or come to church, when things are going well. But the test of true discipleship is how we respond in times that are tough and whether we are able to obey God, even when the cost to us is high.

Cake donations

Maureen is going to make cakes every month 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. Maureen will start to sell the cakes on Sunday 21st September, so bring in some money on the 21st if you want to buy some cakes.



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

7th SEPTEMBER 2025 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE C) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 6th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 7th September	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 8th September	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 9th September	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 10th September		No Mass
Thursday 11th September	10:00am	Mass
Friday 12th September		No Mass
Saturday 13th September	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 14th September	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 – Mrs Pat McQuillan

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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.

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

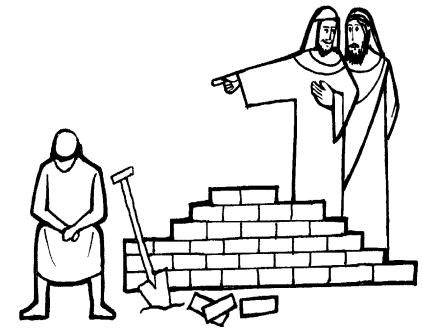
Luke 14 25-33

Large crowds were walking along with Jesus,
when he turned and said:



You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love your own life. You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job."



What will a king do if he has only ten thousand soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with twenty thousand soldiers? Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off.

So then, you cannot be my disciple unless you give away everything you own.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi