

Gospel Reflection

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

Sainthood can be easily dismissed as an impossible lifestyle far beyond our reach. After all, most of us do not wear sackcloth, pray 10 hours a day, start a religious congregation, or risk being fed to lions. So, we're off the hook, yes?

No, for the Beatitudes give us a portrait of a saint that is more attainable than we might think. Saints can be poor by worldly standards, mostly because they share generously what they have with others. Saints can mourn without despairing. They deal with others gently rather than violently. Saints can withstand insult and injury. They forgive others their failings.

Saints hunger for a better world. They are never completely satisfied. Rather, they live St. Augustine's words: "My soul is restless, O Lord, until it rests in thee."

Does the above description remind you of anyone? And do you find any traces of yourself in the Beatitudes?

Jesus, you lived the Beatitudes. Help me to become more and more a beatitude person.



Prisoner Outreach

A big Thank You to those who bring in their loose change. We have just sent another £82 which will enable them to send more Daily Bible Reading Booklets to prisoners. There is a Bottle in the Outer Porch where you can drop off your bits and bobs.

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

2nd NOVEMBER 2025 **ALL SAINTS DAY (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 1st November	5:15pm	Phoebe Dawson
Sunday 2nd November	10:00am	Parishioners
Monday 3rd November	10:00am	All Souls
All Souls Day		
Tuesday 4th November	10:00am	Teresa Jones
Wednesday 5th November	10:00am	All Souls
Thursday 6th November		No Mass
Friday 7th November	7:00pm 7:30pm	Confirmations Bingo Night (doors open at 7pm)
Saturday 8th November	5:15pm	Parishioners
Sunday 9th November	10:00am	Joseph Hollinshead

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 Maureen Fennell

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Bingo Night

The Parish Bingo Night is on Friday 7th November, doors open at 7pm and the bingo starts at 7:30pm. There are great prizes to be won. Last year the Bingo Night raised nearly £2000. We hope to see you on Friday, it is always a great evening out.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 11th November at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

Over 60's Christmas Lunch

Over 60's Christmas lunch on Sunday 14th December at 12 noon. Please put your name on the yellow list in the porch if you would like to attend.

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

Matthew 5 1 - 12



When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are - no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

"You're blessed when you get your inside world - your mind and heart - put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

"Not only that - count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens - give a cheer, even! - for though they don't like it, I do!

And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi