

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Many Christians down the ages have remodeled Jesus into something they find more palatable for their own tastes: a sweet and loving Messiah who could never be offensive; a powerful and furious Messiah who will come one day to avenge those who have made us uncomfortable, and who will whisk us to heaven while those miscreants will spend their eternity in the fire; or even the social activist who stands against the forces of power, setting them straight and leading us to truth and right. It could well be that this healing Jesus is not the Jesus for us. Yet, for Matthew that feature defines the Messiah he presents and celebrates. Exactly what sort of Messiah are we about to welcome at Christmas is a crucial question that all must answer. Is Matthew’s answer one that resonates with you, or is it for you a scandal?



Thank You

Thank you to Cathy Scanlon and Maureen Finnigan for making new curtains, and to Allan Scanlon for putting the curtains up. We also have to thank Ernie Welch for the donation of the wine for the party.

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.

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

	14th DECEMBER 2025 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES	
Saturday 13th December	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 14th December	10:00am Noon	Mass Over 60’s Christmas lunch
Monday 15th December	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 16th December	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 17th December	10:00am	Mass (Schools Christmas Mass – Parishioners welcome)
Thursday 18th December		No Mass
Friday 19th December		No Mass
Saturday 20th December	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 21st December	10:00am	Mass

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 Laffey

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Christmas Carols Night

The Christmas Carols night raised £214. Thank you to those who organised the event, thank you to all of the singers and readers, and thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.

Christmas Cake Raffle

Maureen is going to raffle a Christmas cake over the next couple of weeks. If you would like to enter the draw to win the cake, please bring in some money over the next couple of weekends.

Christmas Mass Times

The Mass times for Christmas are:
Wednesday 24th December – 6pm Carols. Mass at 6.30pm
Thursday 25th December – Mass at 10am

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 11 2- 11



John was in prison when he heard what Christ was doing. So John sent some of his followers to ask Jesus, *“Are you the one we should be looking for? Or must we wait for someone else?”*

Jesus answered, *“Go and tell John what you have heard and seen. The blind are now able to see, and the lame can walk. People with leprosy are being healed, and the deaf can hear. The dead are raised to life, and the poor are hearing the good news. God will bless everyone who doesn’t reject me because of what I do.”*

As John’s followers were going away, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John:

“What sort of person did you go out into the desert to see? Was he like tall grass blown about by the wind? What kind of man did you go out to see? Was he someone dressed in fine clothes? People who dress like that live in the king’s palace. What did you really go out to see? Was he a prophet? He certainly was. I tell you that he was more than a prophet. In the Scriptures God says about him,

“I am sending my messenger ahead of you to get things ready for you.”

I tell you that no one ever born on this earth is greater than John the Baptist.

But whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John”.



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is in January 2026.