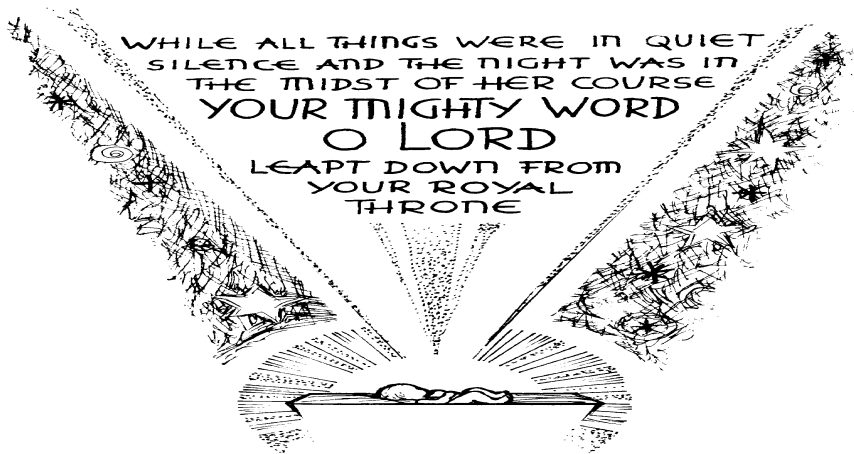


Gospel Reflection

As he was describing the gift of the Word of God made man out of love for us, St. John the Evangelist also mentioned that “the world did not know him” and “his own people did not accept him” (John 1:11). We know that God created us free, and we are free to accept his gift or to reject it. There are many times in our lives when we reject the gift Jesus has come to give us, and we opt to put other things before God. We believe in those moments that happiness will come from material things: money, power, fame, worldly pleasures, or comfort. We doubt that we can trust God with our happiness, and we try to secure it ourselves. Can we decide today to accept the gift of peace that surpasses all understanding which Jesus came to bring us through his incarnation this Christmas?



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



4th JANUARY 2026
2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (CYCLE A)
MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 3rd January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 4th January	10:00am	Mass
Monday 5th January	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 6th January The Epiphany	10:00am 7:00pm	School Mass Mass
Wednesday 7th January	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 8th January		No Mass
Friday 9th January		No Mass
Saturday 10th January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 11th January	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 Kathryn Williams

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Epiphany Mass Times

The Mass times for the Epiphany on Tuesday 6th January are 10:00am (school Mass) and 7pm. The Epiphany is a day of Holy Obligation.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 27th January 2026 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

John 1 1-5, 9-14



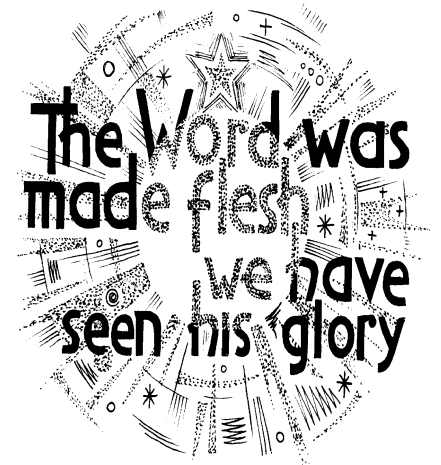
The Word was first, the Word present to God,
God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

Everything was created through him; nothing— not one thing!— came into being without him. What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by. The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light. He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice.

He came to his own people,
but they didn't want him.
But whoever did want him,
who believed he was who he claimed
and would do what he said,
He made to be their true selves,
their child-of-God selves.
These are the God-begotten,
not blood-begotten,
not flesh-begotten,
not sex-begotten.

The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes,
the one-of-a-kind glory,
like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out,
true from start to finish.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi