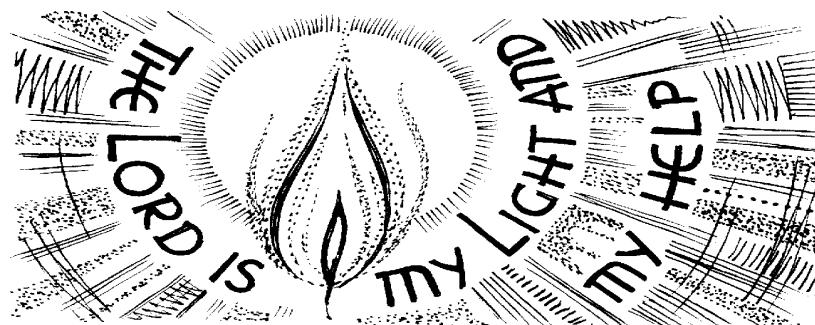


Gospel Reflection

There are still too many people in our world dwelling in darkness. Too many still without hope. Too many consumed by the bad news constantly being proclaimed. And it is up to us to show them the light. To be the light of the world. To let our good works – our lives, our love for Jesus – so shine that they may see the light that came into the world through Jesus.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We have seen a great light. At Christmas, we gave thanks for this light, who was laid in a manger because there was no place for him in the inn. Today, we give thanks for this light who went around Galilee, teaching and proclaiming and healing, and inviting others to follow. We give thanks for all those who have let their light shine before us, who brought us into the light of Christ, and who helped us to put our hope in the light of Christ. And today, we resolve once again to let our light so shine before others that they, too, may join us in giving glory to God. Amen.



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

25th JANUARY 2026 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 24th January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 25th January	10:00am 11:00am	Mass (Livestreamed) Meeting
Monday 26th January		No Mass or Service
Tuesday 27th January	10:00am 10:30am	Service of Word and Communion Coffee morning
Wednesday 28th January		No Mass or Service
Thursday 29th January	10:00am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 30th January		No Mass or Service
Saturday 31st January	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st February	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 Katherine Fallon

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

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 10.30am, everyone is welcome.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases



Cake Sale

The cake sale last Sunday raised £190, so thank you to Maureen Finnegan for baking the cakes. Thank you to everyone who donated flour and other ingredients for the cakes.

Parish Meeting

There is a meeting after Mass on Sunday 25th January to discuss the Project to renovate St Joseph's. Rachel Ellis will present details on the application for funding to insulate and heat St Joseph's Church and Parish Centre with Q&A for parishioners afterwards, so the meeting will start at approximately 11am. Everybody welcome, questions and suggestions 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

Matthew 4 12-23



When Jesus got word that John had been arrested, he returned to Galilee. He moved from his hometown, Nazareth, to the lakeside village Capernaum, nestled at the base of the Zebulun and Naphtali hills. This move completed Isaiah's sermon:

Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; Sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up.

This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: *"Change your life. God's kingdom is here."*

Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, *"Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass."* They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.



A short distance down the beach they came upon another pair of brothers, James and John, Zebedee's sons. These two were sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their fishnets. Jesus made the same offer to them, and they were just as quick to follow, abandoning boat and father.

From there he went all over Galilee. He used synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God. God's kingdom was his theme—that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government! He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives. Word got around the entire Roman province of Syria. People brought anybody with an ailment, whether mental, emotional, or physical. Jesus healed them, one and all. More and more people came, the momentum gathering. Besides those from Galilee, crowds came from the "Ten Towns" across the lake, others up from Jerusalem and Judea, still others from across the Jordan.

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi