

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

In the Hebrew Scriptures high mountains were traditionally seen as holy places where one could encounter God. It was on the summit of Mt Sinai that Moses received the Law from God (Ex 19) and it was on Mt Horeb that Elijah encountered God in the gentle breeze (1Kings 19:9ff). So, it should come as no surprise that it is on a mountain that the disciples encounter the glorified divinity of Christ.

The transfigured Jesus is shown to the disciples together with Moses and Elijah who, in Jewish tradition, represent the Law and the Prophets. In Jesus, these two great traditions reach their proper fulfilment. Moses and Elijah are also the two figures in the Hebrew scriptures who have direct, personal encounters with God.

Perhaps that affirms that the disciples encounter God in and through their encounter with Christ.

Peter is delighted by this glimpse of the glorified Christ and wants to commemorate the experience by building three tents. But the voice of God interrupts Peter's request. God seems to say, 'Forget about building tents, Peter, the important thing is to listen to my beloved Son'.



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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General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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

1st MARCH 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 28th February	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 1st March	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 2nd March	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 3rd March		No Mass
Wednesday 4th March	10:00am 1:00pm	Mass Requiem Mass – Paul Sudlow RIP
Thursday 5th March	10:00am	Mass
Friday 6th March		No Mass
Saturday 7th March	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 8th March	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 – Mr Martin Beveridge

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

Parish Holiday

A Parish Holiday to Torquay for 5 days, including dinner/bed & breakfast. Two trips scenic cruise with afternoon tea. £399, beginning on Saturday May 30th. If you are interested, please phone Ann on 07447961425.

Cake Sale

The cake sale last Sunday raised a total of £110. Since Maureen started baking and selling cakes, she has raised £447, so well done to Maureen. Thanks to everyone who bought ingredients and bought cakes. The next cake sale will be in March – date to be confirmed.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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 17 1-9



Six days later, three of them saw that glory. Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from his face. His clothes were filled with light. Then they realized that Moses and Elijah were also there in deep conversation with him.

Peter broke in, “Master, this is a great moment! What would you think if I built three memorials here on the mountain—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah?”



While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice:

“This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him.”

When the disciples heard it, they fell flat on their faces, scared to death. But Jesus came over and touched them. “Don’t be afraid.” When they opened their eyes and looked around all they saw was Jesus, only Jesus.

Coming down the mountain, Jesus swore them to secrecy. “Don’t breathe a word of what you’ve seen. After the Son of Man is raised from the dead, you are free to talk.”

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 24th March at 10:30am, everyone is welcome. We will have games of bingo, a raffle and a chance for a nice chat with a tea or coffee.

