

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

What would we want others to know about Jesus if we decided to talk about him? Jesus is more than a teacher or a historical figure; he is someone who knows and loves each of us deeply. When we talk about Jesus, we're sharing the message that he cares, forgives, and offers hope. He meets us where we are and wants to give us a life of peace and purpose. Thinking about what Jesus has done in our own lives can help us share these truths with confidence and sincerity.

Many of us might feel more comfortable talking in general about faith instead of sharing personal experiences. Sharing our own stories can feel vulnerable, and we might wonder if others will understand. But personal stories can be powerful—they connect people and show that faith is real and active. When we share our own experiences of Jesus, even in small ways, we help others see how God works in everyday lives.

We all have things that make it hard to talk about Jesus. Maybe we're afraid of being rejected, or maybe we don't feel "holy" enough to speak about faith. But like the Samaritan woman at the well, we don't have to be perfect to share our experiences with Jesus. God works through our weaknesses, and he can use even our small acts of sharing to touch others. By taking small steps to talk about our faith, we can bring the hope of Christ to those around us.



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

8th MARCH 2026 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 7th March	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 8th March	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 9th March	10:00am	Mass – J. Rabitte
Tuesday 10th March	10:00am	Mass – A. Evans
Wednesday 11th March	10:00am	Mass – Albertina da Concicao
Thursday 12th March	10:00am	Mass – Albino Mendoca
Friday 13th March		No Mass
Saturday 14th March	5:15pm	Mass – Parishioners
Sunday 15th March	10:00am	Mass – Private intention (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 Phil Martin

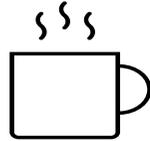
WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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.



Cake Sale

Maureen will be selling cakes on Sunday 29 March, please remember to bring some money on that day if you would like to buy some cakes.

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 John 4: 5-15

Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee. To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst - not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

"Preach the Gospel
always, if necessary use
words"

St Francis of Assisi

