

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The icon of the Sunday of the Blind Man* depicts the biblical story of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. Our Lord is shown placing the clay on the eyes of the man. He is with his disciples who are questioning Christ about the source of the man’s affliction. The blind man is shown with his hand outstretched toward Christ expressing his faith and willingness to receive healing and grace from the Son of God. Our Lord has in His hand a scroll, which directs us to His statements, “I am the light of the world,” (John 9:5), and “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,” (Luke 4:18). These are clear statements of the Gospel of salvation that comes through Christ. The scroll may also represent the role of Christ as Judge as depicted in Matthew and Revelation, and also later in the same passage on the healing of the blind man (John 9:39), Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”

* <https://images.oca.org/icons/lg/pascha/blindman.jpg>



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

 <p>15th MARCH 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES</p>		
Saturday 14th March	5:15pm	Mass – Parishioners
Sunday 15th March	10:00am	Mass – Private intention (Livestreamed)
Monday 16th March	10:00am	Mass – J. Rabitte
Tuesday 17th March	10:00am	Mass – A. Evans
Wednesday 18th March	10:00am	Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 19th March	10:00am	School Mass – Intention for Bernard Cannon
Friday 20th March		No Mass
Saturday 21st March	5:15pm	Mass – P and P O’Connor
Sunday 22nd March	10:00am 11:00am	Mass - Parishioners Shared Table

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk

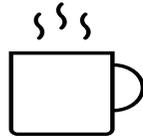
200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mrs Kathleen Shaw

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

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 29th 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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Gospel John 14 1-12



Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. He then spat in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, "Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "Sent"). The man went and washed—and saw.

Soon the town was buzzing. His relatives and those who year after year had seen him as a blind man begging were saying, "Why, isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?"

Others said, "It's him all right!" But others objected, "It's not the same man at all. It just looks like him." He said, "It's me, the very one."

They marched the man to the Pharisees. This day, when Jesus made the paste and healed his blindness, was the Sabbath. The Pharisees grilled him again on how he had come to see. He said, "He put a clay paste on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "Obviously, this man can't be from God. He doesn't keep the Sabbath." Others countered, "How can a bad man do miraculous, God-revealing things like this?" There was a split in their ranks.

They came back at the blind man, "You're the expert. He opened *your* eyes. What do you say about him?" He said, "He is a prophet."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi



Save The Date!

Winsford Decides: Wed March 25th at Winsford Academy, doors open 6pm. Presentations start 7.00pm:

Rachel Ellis, who is managing the St Joseph's Renovation project, has also put in a bid to Winsford Town Council to upgrade the Parish Centre. The Parish Centre is such an important part of parish and community life and it needs your support. If the application is accepted, grants will be allocated at the Winsford Decides Event on March 25th. Allocations are decided by the audience at the event, so you can support your Parish Centre by turning up and voting.

We won't know until next week whether the St Joseph's application has been accepted to take part in the Winsford Decides event, so please don't turn up on 25th without checking next week's newsletter, to confirm that St Joseph's will be competing on the night.
Thank you!

Please continue to pray for the success of the Parish Renovation Project and also for the Parish Centre Upgrade. Laudato Si!

JACOB'S TABLE EVENT

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
22ND MARCH • 11AM



HOT & COLD DRINKS
FOR SALE

SHARED TABLE - BRING FOOD TO SHARE

RAFFLE PRIZES
DONATIONS WELCOME

COME SHARE AND CHAT • KIDS WELCOME