

## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

Just as the Gospels are a catalogue of the most unexpected events, so our own lives are full of scenarios that we cannot understand. Sometimes, we run from them because they are too great for us. By his Resurrection, Jesus is giving us revived hope in those situations. If he can conquer even death, then what have we to worry, as long as we are doing his will? Whatever is too great for us, is manageable for Jesus. And, just as Jesus sweated blood at the worry and anguish of his forthcoming crucifixion, but still did the Father's will, so we shall receive the love and protection of God as long as we live our lives as Christians. Nothing is too great for God, and today represents a liturgical summit of this wonderful truth. May we use this day and the whole of Eastertide to realign ourselves with Jesus. For it is in Him that we live, and it is through him that we attain the Heavenly Kingdom, that is, the resurrection of our own bodies into eternal paradise.

### Cake Sale

Last weeks cake sale raised £165.60, so a big thank you to Maureen for baking the cakes. Thank you to everyone who bought the cakes too, we hope you enjoyed them.

### Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

### 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

### 5th APRIL 2026 EASTER SUNDAY (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 4th April <b>Holy Saturday</b>	6:30pm	Easter Vigil – Hollinrake and Jennings
Sunday 5th April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Monday 6th April		No Mass
Tuesday 7th April		No Mass
Wednesday 8th April		No Mass
Thursday 9th April		No Mass
Friday 10th April		No Mass
Saturday 11th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 12th April	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mr John Kealey

### 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

The recent coffee morning raised £137 for Parish funds. Thanks to everyone who supports the coffee mornings. It is through your generosity that we have been able to help our church in so many ways. Our recent purchases have been new curtains for the Parish centre, £500 material to cover all of the chairs, curtains for the church and a new fire door costing over £1000. Over the years we have bought such a lot, all thanks to you. As the coffee morning is a fundraiser for the Parish, we would love to see many more people support us as it is your church and needs your help. Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 28th April at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

#### Confirmation

We will soon be looking to help prepare young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are aged 13 or over (Year 8 and above) and looking to learn more about Confirmation and your faith or thinking about your relationship with God and what it means, then please contact Deacon Chris before the end of April.

#### 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 20 1 - 9



It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved.

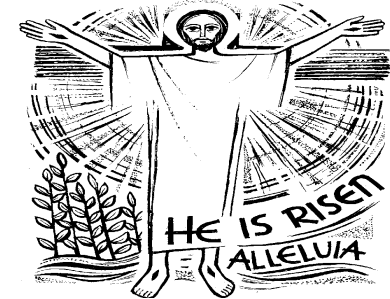
'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in.

Simon Peter, following him, also came up, went into the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying on the ground and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.

Till this moment they had still not understood the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

#### Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day in Northwich

When : 18th April 2026

Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm. Please Register with Monika Golembiewska on 07549 226794 or email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Please see the poster in the porch for more information.