

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Do you know the end of Thomas' story? Do you know where he died? He died in India. He was the apostle to the people of India. He brought the gospel of Christ to India. He died a martyr after he was run through with five spears by five soldiers. That doesn't sound much like a doubter, does it? It sounds like someone who grew and changed, someone for whom the resurrection of Christ was real, someone for whom the empty tomb made a difference. It just took a little time, as it does for most, maybe all of us.

We know Doubting Thomas but let's not forget Confessing Thomas. He's in today's gospel as well. "My Lord and my God!" With those words Thomas has recognized and named a new relationship, a new worldview, a new way of being. Somewhere between Doubting Thomas and Confessing Thomas is the story of resurrection in Thomas' life.

All that stuff about Doubting Thomas, the fact of his disbelief, is just Thomas' starting place, nothing more and nothing less. It's neither good nor bad. It's a starting place. And we all have our starting places.



Thank You

We would like to say a very big thank you to Teresa (Deacon Chris's lovely wife) for making and donating 126 beautiful little Easter baskets for the children on Easter Sunday. The church was filled with yellow feathers and chicks & happy children. We really appreciate you giving your time and patience for such a kind gesture Teresa, your fingers must be sore. But thank you & God bless, from all the parishioners.

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

12th APRIL 2026 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 11th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 12th April	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 13th April	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 14th April	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 15th April		No Mass
Thursday 16th April	10:00am	Mass
Friday 17th April		No Mass
Saturday 18th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 19th April	10:00am 11:00am	Mass (Livestreamed) Cake Sale

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

200 CLUB DRAW

The 200 club winners from this week will be announced in the newsletter after the Easter break.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 28th April at 10:30am, everyone is welcome.

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. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day in Northwich

When : 18th April 2026 at 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.

Prisoner Outreach

We have just sent off another £62 to the Prisoner Outreach, so thank you to everyone who has donated their loose change. Please continue to drop your loose change into the bottle on the table in the porch and help to support this good cause.

Cake Sale

Maureen is selling cakes after Mass on Sunday 19th April, don't forget to bring some money if you want 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 20 19-31

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house.



Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he focused his attention on Thomas.

"Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi