

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel gently reminds us: we are never alone.

Even when we do not recognize Him, Jesus walks beside us.

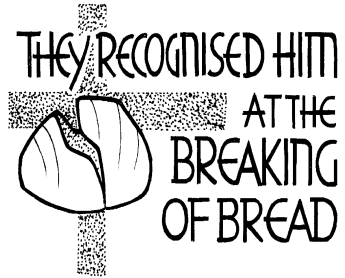
Even when our hearts are heavy, He is already at work within us.

Even when hope seems lost, He is preparing us for a deeper encounter with His presence.

So let us continue to walk in faith. Let us persevere through our struggles, trusting that in God's perfect time, our sorrow will be turned into joy, our discouragement into renewed strength, and our doubts into a deeper, unshakable hope.

For just as the Risen Lord revealed Himself to those two disciples, He will also reveal Himself to us—in ways we may not expect, but in moments we most need.

As we journey through the roads of our own lives, will we open our hearts and recognize Jesus walking beside us—or will we allow our doubts and disappointments to keep us from seeing His loving presence?



Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Father Simon (Sunday 19th)



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

19th APRIL 2026 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 18th April	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 19th April	10:00am 11:00am	Mass (Livestreamed) Cake Sale
Monday 20th April	10:00am	Mass – Joan Fitzsimmons
Tuesday 21st April	10:00am	Mass – Margaret & Duncan Blair
Wednesday 22nd April	10:00am	Mass – Paul O'Grady
Thursday 23rd April	10:00am	Mass – John Stanton
Friday 24th April		No Mass
Saturday 25th April	5:15pm	Mass - Parishioners
Sunday 26th April	10:00am	Mass – Charlie Perkins (Livestreamed)

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 last week and this week will be announced in the newsletter after the Easter break.

"Preach the Gospel
always, if necessary use
words"
St Francis of Assisi

Cake Sale

Maureen is selling cakes after Mass on Sunday



Coffee morning

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

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.

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 Luke 24 13-35



That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was. He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?" They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."



Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared. Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up - Simon saw him!" Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.