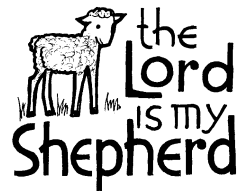


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

I wonder what voice you are listening to? What voice are you allowing to speak into your situation, fears, and hopes? Our passage is clear that there are at the end of the day, only really two voices speaking: the voice of truth (Jesus), and the voice of darkness (the world). When we cut away all the gloss and glamour there are competing (yet not equal for God is Lord over all) forces in the world for the hearts and souls of all people. The question is what one is your heart tuned to?

Thus right from the off in this passage, there are two characters presented to us: The Good Shepherd and everyone else. This passage is an extension of the conflict that Jesus has been having with the Pharisees in the chapters before. Thus, in teaching about the 'goodness' of the Good Shepherd, he is illuminating the lack in the current spiritual and moral leadership of Israel – the Pharisees. They have not cared for their flock, they might look like followers of Yahweh, but they are no different from the voices of the word, the voices opposed to God. Thus Jesus illuminates five different aspects of what makes the good Shepherd good. Why he is the Good Shepherd, and the one worth listening to.



Public Climate Emergency Film Screening

To be held at the Winsford Academy on 15th May at Winsford Academy in Grange Lane on Friday, May 15, from 7.30pm to 8.15pm, followed by facilitated discussion until 9pm. Please see the poster in the porch for a QR code to book tickets.

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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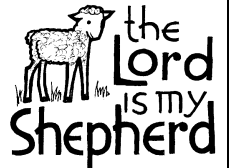
General Queries – ring the Parish Number and/or send an email to the Parish

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"
Philippians 2:2

26th APRIL 2026 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES



Saturday 25th April	5:15pm	Mass - Parishioners
Sunday 26th April	10:00am	Mass – Charlie Perkins (Livestreamed)
Monday 27th April	11:00am	Funeral Service – Sue Newman RIP
Tuesday 28th April	10:00am 10:30am	Mass – Lauren & Helena Stanton Coffee morning
Wednesday 29th April	10:00am	Mass – Mr Matthew
Thursday 30th April	10:00am	Mass – Tellez
Friday 1st May		No Mass
Saturday 2nd May	5:15pm	Mass – J & M Klag
Sunday 3rd May	10:00am	Mass - Parishioners

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

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

200 Club winners

The winners of the 200 club for this week and the previous 2 weeks are:

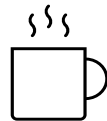
- Charles MacTasney
- Mrs Beryl Harwood
- Mr Ralph Ellis

Grant Application

We received confirmation from Winsford Town Council that we have been successfully awarded **£4,700** towards the renovation of the kitchen in the Parish Centre. Well done to everyone involved in the successful application, especially Rachel Ellis and Michael Fallon.

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 28th April at 10:30am, everyone is welcome. There will be bingo, a raffle and a chance to have a chat with other parishioners. All the money raised goes to Parish funds.



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.

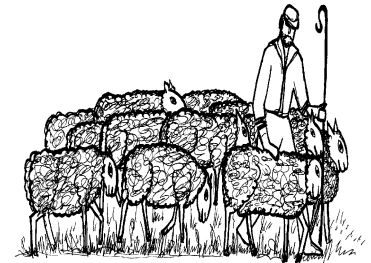
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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel John 10 1-10

Jesus said to his disciples. "Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good - a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it."

Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again.

"I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for - will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Cake Sale

The cake sale last weekend raised £122.50. Thank you to Maureen for baking the cakes, and thank you to everyone who bought some cakes. We would be very grateful for donations of eggs, butter, flour and icing sugar for the next cake sale. All the money raised goes towards Parish funds at St Joseph's.