

NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The first “don’t fear” addresses the fact that things aren’t always as they appear, but truth will be uncovered or revealed. This is one of Jesus’ most highly attested sayings, appearing in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and twice in non-biblical “The Gospel of Thomas:” “...nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed” and “...nothing covered up that will remain undisclosed.”

Second, “don’t fear those who can kill the body, but not the soul,” suggests serious persecution. One doesn’t tell people not to do what they aren’t doing. Half way through his public ministry, does Jesus intuit where it will end? The “soul,” the psyche, was life’s vital principle, the seat of thoughts and emotions, what Thomas Merton in New Seeds of Contemplation described as the “True Self.” The good news is that what is essential about humans is indestructible. Only God could destroy both body and soul because God made both.

The third “don’t fear” follows from the second. The disciples should not fear because God cares continually about what God has made. Sparrows were common, inexpensive food, two for an assarion, about half a penny. Jesus liked little birdies, and often used them as illustrations. Twice in the creation stories in Genesis God makes birds (1:20, 2:19). Here, the Creator of birds is their Sustainer. The laws of nature are not outside the mercies of God. Jesus is a realist. Sparrows do fall to the ground, but even the most ordinary birds, are not beyond God’s notice. Surely those who follow and proclaim God’s Son are more valuable than sparrows.



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

21st JUNE 2026 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 20th June	5:15pm	Mass – Joan Fitzsimmons
Sunday 21st June	10:00am	Mass - Parishioners
Monday 22nd June		No Mass
Tuesday 23rd June	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am	Rosary Mass – Gordon Noad Coffee morning
Wednesday 24th June	10:00am	Mass - Martin Taylor
Thursday 25th June	10:00am 10:30am	Evelyn Sheeran Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 26th June		No Mass
Saturday 27th June	5:15pm	Parishioners
Sunday 28th June	10:00am	Mass – Vincent Cannon

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 Marie Noad

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Healing Mass

All are welcome! 7pm Monday June 29th St. Bede’s, Weaverham. Celebrant and healing ministry leader, Fr. Chris Thomas of the Irenaeus Project, Liverpool. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Armed Forces Event in Winsford

St Joseph’s Singers will be singing at the Armed Forces Event at Wharton Rec CW7 3EA on Sunday 28th June at 11.45 for approx 15 mins. Please come along to support us at this event which is being organised by Winsford Town Council. Information about the event is available on their website.
Thank you!

Cake Sale

Last Sunday’s cake sale raised £156, so thank you again to Maureen for baking the cakes. Thank you to everyone who bought the cakes, and thank you to everyone who bought ingredients for the 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

Matthew 10 26-33



Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

“Don’t be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don’t hesitate to go public now.

“Don’t be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.

“What’s the price of a pet canary?

Some loose change, right? And

God cares what happens to it

even more than you do. He pays

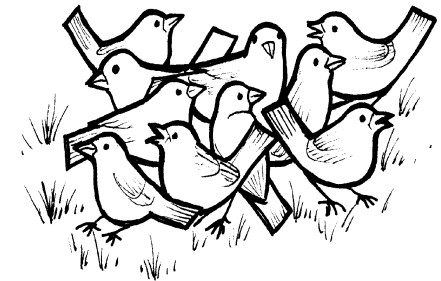
even greater attention to you,

down to the last detail—even

numbering the hairs on your head!

So don’t be intimidated by all this

bully talk. You’re worth more than a million canaries.



“Stand up for me against world opinion and I’ll stand up for you before my Father in heaven. If you turn tail and run, do you think I’ll cover for you?

“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

Coffee morning

Our next coffee morning is on
Tuesday 23rd June at 10:30am,
everyone is welcome.

