

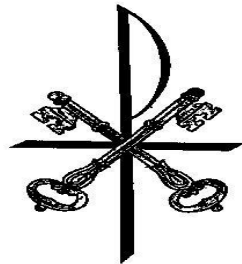
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

Bethsaida ("House of Fisherman" in Aramaic) is one of the most important sites in the New Testament. According to John 1:44, 12:20, Bethsaida was the birthplace of three of Jesus's apostles (Peter, Andrew, and Philip). Mark describes how Jesus healed a blind man within reach of Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26), and how Jesus walked on water near Bethsaida (Mark 6:45-52). Luke indicates that the miracle of multiplying bread and fish to feed the multitudes also took place on the way to Bethsaida (Luke 9:10-11).

In the fifth season of excavations at el-Araj, the expedition uncovered three Greek inscriptions in the mosaic floor of the church. One, which was preserved in its entirety, is particularly important. It's set in 11 lines within a circular frame, 1.2 in diameter.

The inscription blesses 'Constantine, servant of Christ' for establishing the church's diakonikon (=service area), and mentions prayers for him and his sons, Georgios and Theophanes. The crucial part is the reference to the church as built for 'the chief of the apostles' (κορυφή τῶν ἀποστόλων) and 'the keeper of the keys to heaven' (τῶν οὐρανίων κλειδοῦχος). This expression uses the same words with which Jesus appointed Peter as the keeper of the keys to the kingdom of heaven (κλεῖδας τῆς βασιλείας τῶν οὐρανῶν) (Matthew 16:19).



(Taken from <https://dannythedigger.com/new-inscription-confirms-bethsaida/>)

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

28th JUNE 2026 Ss PETER AND PAUL (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 27th June	5:15pm	Mass - Parishioners
Sunday 28th June	10:00am	Mass – Vincent Cannon
Monday 29th June		No Mass
Tuesday 30th June	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 1st July	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 2nd July	10:00am	Mass
Friday 3rd July		No Mass
Saturday 4th July	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 5th July	10:00am	Mass

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 Gloria Jones

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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!

Coffee morning

Our Coffee Morning on Tuesday raised the sum of £156. Thanks to those who organised the coffee morning and those who came to support it. Our next coffee morning will be in September.

We Believe Festival

We are writing to make you aware of the We Believe Festival of Catholic Life which is happening at St Mary's College, Oscott, 24-27 July 2026. There is content for people of every age. Book a place here <https://www.webelievofestival.com/>.

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 16 13 - 19

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"



They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

Healing Mass

All are welcome! 7pm Monday June 29th St. Bede's, Weaverham.
Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

Elgar ~ The Dream of Gerontius

The Dream of Gerontius is based on the poem by St John Henry Newman. Saturday 4 July 2026 7:30pm Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.
For more information:

<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/classical-music/elgar-the-dream-of-gerontius/9562>