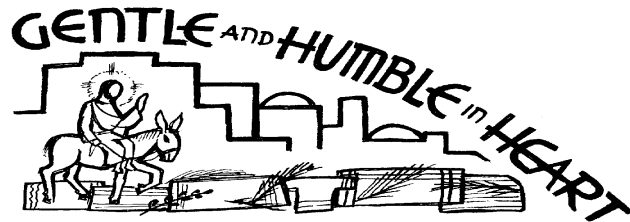


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

In the first reading for today's Mass, God reminds us through the words of Moses that "the Lord set his heart on you and chose you." We matter to God, just because of who we are. He has "set his heart" on me. He has chosen me. This is true. This has happened. All the symbols involved in the rite of baptism reverberate with this personal, wild love God has for each of us personally. As the priest sprinkles the baptismal water on the person being baptized, he pronounces the person's name. He anoints the person on the forehead and the chest, blessing the person's lips and ears. The person being baptized is given a new garment, a white garment. The person is given godparents and a candle lit from the Easter Candle. The whole ceremony rejoices in this person being welcomed and embraced into God's own family, chosen to participate fully in the new life of Christ and even to share in Christ's own mission. God didn't have to do any of this. He didn't have to create us. He didn't have to redeem us. He doesn't have to reach out to us, reveal himself to us, or walk with us. He chooses to. We matter to him. Going back to the words of Moses in today's first reading, we need to courageously and humbly apply them to ourselves, to ask for the grace to see ourselves as God sees us: "You are a people sacred to the Lord, your God... the Lord set his heart on you and chose you..." (Deuteronomy 7:6) I believe, Lord—help my unbelief!



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

5th JULY 2026 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 4th July	5:15pm	Mass – Celine Cushion
Sunday 5th July	10:00am	Mass – Parishioners
Monday 6th July		No Mass
Tuesday 7th July		No Mass
Wednesday 8th July		No Mass
Thursday 9th July		No Mass
Friday 10th July		No Mass
Saturday 11th July	5:15pm	Mass – Parishioners
Sunday 12th July	10:00am	Mass – Gordon Noad

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 Mundie

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

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

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.webelievFestival.com/>.

Prisoner Outreach

Do you – like me – find carrying round small coins a waste of time? The Prisoner Outreach Organisation is a Christian network of volunteers who have been voluntarily working in HM Prisons and supplies copies of the BIBLE ALIVE booklets to prisoners. 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

Matthew 11 25 – 30



Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.”

Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi