

Gospel Reflection

If we focus in on the third parable in this set (the one focused on the fishing net), and we specifically look at how Jesus explains it, we see a parable that is shared from God's perspective not ours.

This has the power to completely change how we look at any parable Jesus shared because if Jesus opens it by saying it's about the Kingdom of heaven or the Kingdom of God, you can be sure God will show up – and the parable probably is given from His perspective and not ours.

This means that the first two parables can also be applicable from His perspective. God is working in a field and He finds a treasure. He sells everything He has to get that treasure. God is continually searching for valuable pearls, and when He finds one, He sells everything He has to get that pearl. God was willing to purchase all of humanity back through the death of His Son so that He could sort and save all who have chosen Him. Buying us back from sin cost God everything – and He would do it again because that is how much He values each of us!



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.

NEWSLETTER

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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 JULY 2026 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 25th July	5:15pm	Mass – Christopher Bollard
Sunday 26th July	10:00am	Mass – Parishioners
Monday 27th July	9:30am	Requiem Mass – Veronica Whittaker RIP
Tuesday 28th July		No Mass
Wednesday 29th July		No Mass
Thursday 30th July		No Mass
Friday 31st July		No Mass
Saturday 1st August	5:15pm	Mass - Parishioners
Sunday 2nd August	10:00am	Mass – Deceased members of Rimmer & Butler families

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 – Mr Mike Towers

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be in
September, date to be confirmed

Cake Sale

Last Sunday's cake sale raised £145.10, 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.

Prayer

O Lord God, destroy and root out whatever the Adversary plants in
my soul, that with my sins destroyed you may sow understanding
and good work in my mouth and heart, so that in act and in truth I
may serve only You. Give me memory, give me love, give me faith. O
Lord, work good in me, and provide me with what You know that I
need. Amen.

Meditations

God the Artist

Thou takest the pen –
And the lines dance

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 13 44 – 52



Jesus said to the crowds. "God's kingdom is like
a treasure hidden in a field for years and then accidentally found by a
trespasser. The finder is ecstatic - what a find! - and proceeds
to sell everything he owns to raise money and buy
that field.

"Or, God's kingdom is like a jewel merchant
on the hunt for excellent pearls. Finding one
that is flawless, he immediately sells everything
and buys it.



"Or, God's kingdom is like a fishnet cast into the sea, catching all kinds
of fish. When it is full, it is hauled onto the beach.

The good fish are picked out and put in a tub; those unfit to eat are
thrown away. That's how it will be when the curtain comes down on
history. The angels will come and cull the bad fish and throw them in
the garbage. There will be a lot of desperate complaining, but it won't
do any good."

Jesus asked, "Are you starting to get a handle on all this?"

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi