

Gospel Reflection

The mountain in Matthew's Gospel is never incidental. It is the place of revelation (the Sermon on the Mount, 5:1), of temptation (4:8), of transfiguration (17:1), and here, of prayer. The ascent recalls Moses going up Sinai to commune with God (Exodus 24:18), but with a critical difference: Moses ascended to receive the word of God from without; Jesus ascends to commune with the Father in a relationship of eternal, interior union. He is not receiving instruction — he is resting in the love that is proper to the Son.

Matthew specifies that Jesus prays *alone* (*kata monon*) — a detail of immense importance. Though Jesus is the eternal Word through whom all things were made (John 1:3), and though his human will is perfectly united to the divine will, he nevertheless prays — and prays *alone*, in the silence of the mountain. This is not performance. It is not instruction for the crowds. It is communion. The Son speaks to the Father in the privacy of that relationship which is the innermost life of the Trinity.



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

9th AUGUST 2026 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 8th August	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 9th August	10:00am	Mass
Monday 10th August	10:00am	Mass — M. Williams
Tuesday 11th August	9:30am 10:00am	Rosary Mass — M.Y. Ortiz
Wednesday 12th August	10:00am	Mass — Private Intention
Thursday 13th August	10:00am 10:30am	Mass — Private Intention Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 14th August	10:30am	Funeral — Gerry Sweeney RIP
Saturday 15th August	5:15pm	Mass — Private Intention
Sunday 16th August	10:00am	Mass - Parishioners

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 Anne Johnson

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please continue to bring in your unwanted spectacles and cases

Bingo Night

It's that time of the year, we are starting to collect prizes for our bingo night in November, raising money for parish funds. Please leave any donations in the Sacristy marked 'bingo.'

Coffee Morning

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

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 14 22 – 23



As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"



"Preach the Gospel always, if
necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi