

Gospel Reflection.

People can give their time and energy for many causes and reasons.

We can spend a lot of time making enough money to buy a nice house or travel the world.

We give up some things we like to get what we want. We sell a car to buy another car.

We may give up personal interests to look after our families. Marriage demands its sacrifices for the joy of the love it brings us, as does any real friendship.

We know that to get something, we may have to give something else up.

This is the sort of idea Jesus puts before us in today's gospel.

His message is that the kingdom of God has come among us now.

In him, God is very close to the world and to us.

The marks of this kingdom are qualities like compassion, justice, love, mercy, peace of mind and heart, closeness to God.

These are treasures of life, and to live by them, we will find ourselves giving up other concerns.

Confirmations 2023.

The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year officially closed in March. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able to receive the Sacrament by contacting Fr Carl. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.

The Legion of Mary.

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evenings in the Gordon Room, at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone welcome to come and find out more about the work of the Legion.

Please join us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church at 10am before Holy Mass at 10-30am.

Also on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10-30am before the Holy Mass at 11am.

Members of the Legion of Mary are also available to pray the Rosary for a deceased loved one at a Chapel of Rest on request.

We have a beautiful statue of Our Blessed Lady known as the Pilgrim Mother. Anyone can request a two week visit of this statue to their home. Please contact a member of the Legion of Mary to organise this.

Communion of Both Kinds.

We have now reintroducing the chalice at Holy Communion. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice and it's advised not to receive from the chalice if you are feeling unwell. The Bishops have asked that 'intinction' (dipping the host into the chalice) is not to be practiced, but we are still to receive the host in the hand as this is more hygienic for those who distribute the host.

Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

We are planning a meeting for those who are going on the pilgrimage to finalise the details and to introduce each one of us and know our group.

Friday 4th August @ 7-30pm. in St. Richard's Church. Hope can you make this date.