



Reflection

The crowds are looking for another sign, and they get one here. John states this directly in John 6:14: "When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Jesus multiplies loaves of bread and fish to satisfy the hunger of the people and it is called a sign. (This is the third

sign according to John's chronology; with first being found in John 2:1-12-Turning water into wine and secondly in John 4:46-54-Healing of a royal official's son.) In John's account of the Gospel of Christ, a sign is used to signify who Jesus is. In this miraculous feeding, the people see the sign and it signifies to them that Jesus is "the prophet who is to come into the world" (verse 14).

An interesting comparison to this should be noted in the words of the woman at the well (John 4:7-26). When confronted with the greatness of Jesus, she also calls him a prophet (John 4:19). Encountering Jesus. Expecting something. Receiving food to fill their stomachs. They are interpreting the encounter in terms of who Jesus is -- prophet -- but they want more. They want to make him king.

How often is it that people "come after" Jesus because of the signs? People observe the good that comes to those who follow Jesus. Expectations are awakened. We want the big things. Healing from horrible diseases. Instant money when the Mortgage has not been paid. A miracle for the child who cannot overcome addictions. Sometimes this is the miracle that we get. How often is it, though, that all someone needs is a simple reassurance that, indeed, Jesus the Christ is present. That presence can get the boat to shore, can calm the grandest of fears.

Did you know you can watch our masses via your computer if you are unable to attend? Go to

www.Catholicmass.org.uk and click on "Find a Church", then click on Shrewsbury Diocese, then Christ Church Heald Green.

There is also a link on our website.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HEALD GREEN

Saturday 28th July 2018 (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 29th July 2018 Mass 9am & 11am
(Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	28th July		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	The Sick of the Parish
Sun	29th July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Parishioners Geoff Silvester RIP
Mon	30th July	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	31st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	Mass 10am	Peter Lucas for Health
Wed	1st Aug	St Alphonsus of Liguori	Mass 10am	Steve Proudfoot RIP
Thu	2nd Aug	Ferial	Mass 10am	Carol Ryder RIP
Fri	3rd Aug	St Oswald	Mass 10am	Catherine Holes (105yrs) RIP
Sat	4th Aug	St John Vianney	Mass 10am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Robert Rigg RIP William McMichael RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturdays:
11.30 till 12noon and 5-5.20pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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Next Week : EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4th August Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
5th August Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Both Infant and Junior Liturgy will continue on Sundays during the 11 o'clock mass throughout the summer break.

PLANNING MEETING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

I believe there was disappointment last year when the annual Christmas fair was cancelled. We intend to have a fair this year on Sunday 25th November after 9 and 11 am masses **BUT we**

need your help to make this work

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 7th August at 7pm in the quiet/meeting room. Please come and offer your help / support / advice. Or maybe you can just help set up or clear up?

We will be having a main raffle. We need some raffle prizes. So if you can donate anything or maybe you work for a larger employer who might be persuaded to donate

We also need helpers to sell tickets after each mass in November

We need bottles. Alcohol preferably please. General tombola prizes. Chocolates, gifts, sweets, toys. But all new please.

On the day or Saturday 24 we need cakes. Small individual home made cakes are best. Do you have any ideas for the fair?

Please come and support and get into the festive spirit. Yes I know it's only July but it won't plan itself! Thanks, Carole (on behalf of Fr Paul)

HELPING IN CHURCH—WE NEED YOU

Do you know that being on a Rota list for Reading, Welcoming, Cleaning, etc. does not mean you have to be available every week at the same time? The more people willing to help means the less frequently your turn comes around so it could be once every 2 months.

If you are unable to do the date allocated to you; you can swap with some one else on the list. If you can help occasionally, with anything that helps to keep the church functioning, please let us know, there is a form in the porch or speak with Fr. Paul.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH—URGENTLY NEED SOMEONE/S TO SEE TO THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

Rita has offered her services to this for many years but due to family commitments cannot carry on. We thank her for the splendid creations she has done and her hard work. If willing and able to do this (Rita has offered to give guidance if needed) please contact the parish office. It is a role that can be shared.

RECYCLING FOR THE SVP AT ST CHADS

CHEADLE The SVP can get 50% of the market value of recycled phones and £1 for every inkjet cartridge. (The Inkjet cartridges need to be the main brands, not supermarkets' own). There is a box for them at the back of St. Chads church and one in our porch. If you have any old phones (even if broken, faulty or locked) and empty inkjet cartridges, just leave them there, knowing that you are making a donation to the SVP

POLICE FRAUD ALERT

Please see the poster in the porch

PRAYERS FOR PRIEST—AUGUST 2018

Now in the porch

NEXT WEEK

1st Sunday of the Month

COFFEE & CAKES IN THE HALL—

come and join us for a chat with friends (and make new ones) after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

& **WELLSPRING—** it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Wellspring.

VACANCIES

Diocesan vacancies

Caritas Shrewsbury is looking for an experienced and dedicated person to be our Family Support Social Worker. The post is for 21hrs per week working in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, but predominantly in the South Manchester area. For more information and an application pack please contact Claire Griffiths Tel 0151 652 1281; email

claire.griffiths@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk.

Application packs can also be downloaded from our website

www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. Closing date for applications is the 16th August 2018.

HEAD TEACHER ST.HUGHES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TIMPERLEY

Closing date 17/9/18 Application pack—www.sthughstimperley.org
See poster on Schools notice board in porch

NEW TEACHER AT ST JAMES (PETER TUCKER)

Looking for accommodation please contact Peter on 07516596137

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED

The Diocese has a number of vacancies for Foundation Governors within your local area, particularly people with financial experience. If you would be interested in joining a Governing Body then please contact Sue Blackwell at sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

NOTICEBOARDS

We cannot include everything in this newsletter so please check the porch for more notices and a list of regular activities.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS—weekly editions available for sale in the porch. The Catholic Times has a new format —why not give one a try?

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND



May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

If you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Christ, in Communion, to a sick or housebound relative or friend in our Parish, give your request and details to the Parish Office

HOLY WATER

Please note *Holy Water* is available from the stone jar on the altar steps near the Baptismal Font.



BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Andrea Lomas will be available on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements

WELCOME

We welcome **CARTER LESLIE SIMON WOOD** who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

No more meetings until the 10th September.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH is prayed prior to 10 am

ROSARY Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

LOST PROPERTY

Please check in the box in the porch for any items you are missing.