

## Advent Reflection

*"Run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming ..."*

*The Advent season is a prayerful, reflective preparation for Christmas. During this holy season, we prepare for three comings of Christ.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ - This is when he came to us as a baby in Bethlehem and died for us on the cross. This is what we celebrate on Christmas Day and throughout the Christmas season!*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ - The second is the certainty that Christ is with us now. He comes to us in the Sacraments of the Church. And just as the future world in Christ has already begun, this also provides the certainty of hope.*

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Coming of Christ - At the end of time will be the third coming when Christ will come and be seen in glory and majesty.*

*My prayer is that we may live our lives ready for all three comings of Christ!*



*One beautiful Advent tradition is the Advent wreath, usually made of evergreens with three violet candles, one rose candle and a white candle at the centre. One candle is lit on the First Sunday, and then one more is lit on each of the remaining Advent*

*Sundays, and the white candle is lit on Christmas Day.*

*As you make your journey through the Advent season, I invite you to look for a safe refuge from your trials and temptations through the power of prayer. Take time each day to pray that you are ready for his coming and then you will have a holy Advent season as you prepare for all three comings of Our Lord!*



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**  
*(Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants & Refugees)*

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 1st December 2018**

**(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**

**Sunday 2nd December 2018**

**Mass 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	1st Dec		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Thelma Hart RIP
Sun	2nd Dec	First Sunday of Advent cycle C	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Parishioners Elizabeth & Bernard Evans
Mon	3rd Dec	St. Francis Xavier,	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	4th Dec	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Joyce Webster RIP
Wed	5th Dec	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Wilfird Qualter Anniv
Thu	6th Dec	Ferial	Mass 10 am	For Int' of Spilman, Mason & Bell Families
Fri	7th Dec	St Ambrose B D	Mass 10 am	Vivien seriously ill
Sat	8th Dec	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Mass 10am Vigil mass 5.30pm	Kathleen Dodd for her health Aman Gupta recovery after surgery

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturday 11.30-12 noon and 5-5.20pm.

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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**Next Week : SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**8th December Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**  
**9th December Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 1st Sunday of the Month

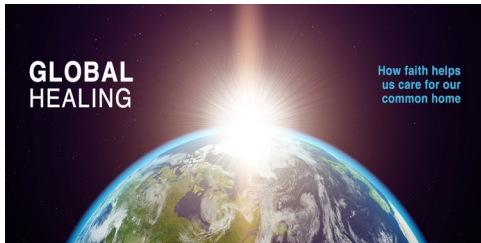
**COFFEE IN THE HALL—** come and join us after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

**WELLSPRING—** it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Well-spring. There is a list on the notice board of items they need, and also items that they do not really need.

### ADVENT COURSE ON SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 9AM in the Parish Hall

The theme is :-

**Our Common Home—** How our faith can help us care for our common home - inspired by Pope Francis— A short film by well known people followed by suggestions for discussion / ideas on practical ways we can help no matter how little we change our habits it will make a difference. Come and be part of caring for our COMMON HOME



We will end the session with Mass at 12noon. You may have 'heard it all before' but not as inspiringly as this, please come and listen. Refreshments available.

### GREETINGS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

#### **ACTA [Action by Christians Against Torture]**

*Come along to the Hall after any of the Masses 8/9 & 15/16 December and send a message of hope and support to a prisoner subjected to, or at risk of torture. Greeting Cards and Case Studies provided - Donation for postage requested*

## Christmas Fair 2018

**Check the list on the office door in the porch to see if you have won any of the raffle prizes. Many still unclaimed**  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE FAIR THE SUCCESS IT WAS.**

**We raised £1577.49**

### TAIZÉ WORSHIP FOR ADVENT SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER

At Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane 6.30 p.m.—Choir rehearsal at 5.30—Everyone Welcome.

### CAROLS IN THE CAFÉ 15th DECEMBER

Lead by Gracenotes -10.30 A.M. IN CAFÉ UNITY on Finney Lane —Free Mince Pies

### NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY PARTY IN THE PARISH HALL

Looking for something to do New Years Eve that's not going to cost a fortune?

Family party in the church hall 7.30 pm start, with a D.J. Carriages after midnight!  
Food included, bring your own drinks

£12 per adult, £8 children, under 2's free

Give your name and payment in at the office/or post to the presbytery. list in the Porch

## **ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER BUT NOT TEACHING IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?**

### **YOUR DIOCESE NEEDS YOU !!!**

We are holding an informal session on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at **Ellesmere Port Catholic High School**, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6 – 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education, please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on [sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

See Poster on the schools board in the Porch

### **SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM**

**DECEMBER 10TH 2018**

**7.00-8.30 PM**

**ST JOSEPH'S , SALE**

Join the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for our Explore evening . For young people in secondary school and above. Night of games, teaching, music, prayer and FREE doughnuts.

Together let's uncover what Advent means to us and how we can prepare Him room this year.

### CARITAS, SHREWSBURY

#### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Bishop Mark has asked for a collection for families in need within the Diocese The retiring collection is this weekend, 1st/2nd December.

### STUCK FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS?

Why not pick up a CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS catalogue in the porch.

## 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

**ROSARY** Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** is prayed prior to 10 am weekday Mass or Service of the Word & Communion.

### DIVINE MERCY GROUP

This group meet each Monday at 2pm in the Meeting Room but **NOT on Bank Holidays.**

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

### WELCOME

We welcome Harlow Jae Iveson-Smith who is to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

### WELCOMERS NEW ROTA IN THE PORCH

**READERS ROTA DEC-MAY 2019 THE PORCH—** for those who do not receive it by email.

### **SPECTACLES FOUND IN THE PARISH HALL**

If you or know of anyone who has mislaid a pair of spectacles - we have a pair found in the hall—ask in the parish office.

**THANK YOU FOR THE COLLECTION OF £327.40 for the Priests Education fund.**

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

**24th December Christmas Eve**

NO MORNING MASS

5.30 pm Children's Vigil Mass

7 pm Carol Singing around the Village

Christmas Tree

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

**25th December Christmas Day**

9 am Mass

11am Sung Mass