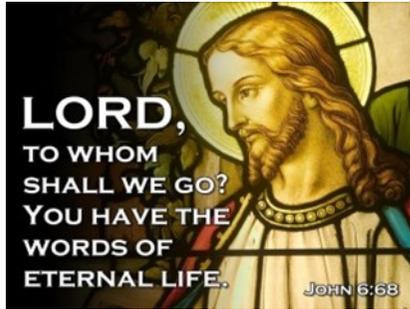


Reflection - Christ's scandalous teaching today



The depth and significance of Christ's message, and the teaching of the Church, scandalises, in the sense that it is often a stumbling block for the disbeliever and it is a test for the believer.

The theme of scandal, in the New Testament is connected with faith, as free acceptance of the mystery of Christ. Before the Gospel we cannot remain indifferent, lukewarm or evasive: the Lord calls each of us personally asking us to declare ourselves for him (cf Mt 10, 32-33).

When we are faced with the difficult teachings of Jesus and the Church, do we also wish to go away? Is it not true that many times, because of the complexity of the issues, and the pressures of the society around us, we may wish to "go away?"

Peter's response to the Jesus' question, "Do you also wish to go away?" in Sunday's Gospel is striking. He doesn't say, "yes, of course," but he doesn't quite say "no" either. Instead, in good Gospel-style, he answers back with another question: "To whom else can we go?" It is not the most flattering answer in the world, but it is honest. Peter and the others stay with Jesus precisely because he has been a source of life for them. Jesus has liberated them and given them a new life.

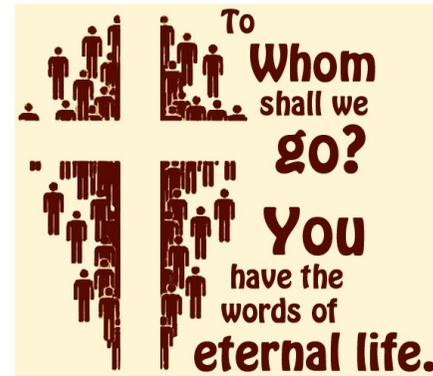
Following Jesus and the teaching of the Church may not always be easy, or pleasant, or even totally comprehensible, but when it comes to the eternal-life business, there's not much out there in the way of alternatives. This week let us not forget the words of Jesus: "Whoever eats me will live because of me." Let us give witness to our Catholic faith and to God's plan that marriage be the sacred union of one man and one woman, to family life as the foundation of our society.

Blessed are we if we do not take offence but are led by these words to abundant life.

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.



21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC
CHURCH, HEALD GREEN
Saturday 25th August 2018 (Vigil
Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 26th August 2018 Mass
9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

Intentions

Sat	25th Aug		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	James Lanigan RIP
Sun	26th Aug	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Joyce Mitchelson RIP 17th Ann Keith Harris RIP
Mon	27th Aug	St Monica	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	28th Aug	St Augustine	Mass 10am	Pat & Ian Henshall Golden Wedding Anniv
Wed	29th Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass 10 am	Secular Clergy Fund Benefactors
Thu	30th Aug	Ss Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow and Anne Line	Mass 10 am	Colette Wilmot seriously ill
Fri	31st Aug	Ferial	Mass 10 am	John Duffy RIP
Sat	1st Sept	Ferial	Mass 10 am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Cathy & Tony Buckley (get well) Colin Peter Turner RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

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

:OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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Next Week : TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st September Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
2nd September Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 4TH SEPT

In the meeting/quiet room at 7pm.
Please don't leave it to the 'usual' few; your view is important also. Minutes of the last meeting are in the porch.

PARISH DATA PROTECTION TRAINING

At St Mary's 29 Zetland Street Dukinfield On Thursday 13th September @ 7.30pm GDPR training for parish volunteers, anyone who handles personal information or is interested in Data Protection generally—Everyone welcome
See Poster in porch— if interested let us know in the parish office or Father Paul.

*** HARVEST SUPPER—Saturday 22nd September 6.30 for 7pm. More information to follow! ***

CHRISTMAS FAIR ADVANCE NOTICE

Thanks to Carole's enthusiasm and hard efforts we will be having a Christmas Fair on November 25th. However, it will require help from you. We will be asking for:-

In September -Donations of bottles of drinks
in October-Tombola prizes and unwanted jewelry
in November Chocolates and sweets
(more details nearer the time)

We also need people to sell raffle tickets after each mass from the 20th October please give your name to Carole /office

Pilgrimage to Knock 15th October 2018, Poster at back of Church'. Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 15th October 018. £599.00 p.p. sharing. Price includes flight, taxes, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel- full Irish Breakfast & 4 Course Dinner , entertainment, excursions & tours. Wheelchair accessible rooms Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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

SPUC PRO-LIFE TODAY -CAMPAIGN ISSUE

SPUC has launched a mass-letter writing campaign calling on MPs to oppose abortion decriminalisation. Please take a copy of the campaign issue from the porch.

GLOBAL HEALING -CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis calls us to *Care For Our Common Home*. Resources, film clips produced by CaFE & information can be found on www.ourcommonhome.co.uk
It is worth having a look.

THE WELLSPRING (STOCKPORT)

The Harvest Wish list is pinned up on the main door in the porch for those wishing to donate to the store, which provides meals throughout the year). There is also a list of items they have enough of in store. Money donations are also appreciated.

EXAM RESULTS

Our Congratulations and thoughts are with those receiving their results at this time - we hope they get what they needed and wish them well for the future.

KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE, N WEST

A bulletin is produced jointly by the Diocese of Shrewsbury and has information regarding campaigns, Human Rights, Catholic culture issues & forthcoming events. It makes very interesting reading.

Next month is the Season of Creation & St Alban's in Macclesfield are following Pope Francis' lead celebrating the 1st Sept. as the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation".

There is a 'Walking Together' calendar, with an action or thought for each day, available in the porch.

ALSO THE AUTUMN ISSUE OF 'MOUTH PEACE'

(From the Archdiocese of Liverpool Justice and Peace Commission)
Both issues are on the Retreats & Associations Noticeboard—
Let Cath Cohen know if you want to receive email copies of either or both.

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 Ciara Rose Meehan who will be baptised this weekend.
Please pray for her and her 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.

THE BABY IN CHURCH

(From an article in 1924) Father Conway related :- There are two of us preaching in this church at once, said the Pastor, and I don't know which of us is giving the better sermon. When a baby cries in church he is telling two things:-
1st there are babies in the family
2nd that the mother has come to Mass with her baby. On the whole I think the baby is preaching the better sermon and I'll let him get on with it.