

REFLECTION Jesus the Healer.

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. Jesus didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves - doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.



Believe in Miracles?

The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "I don't believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Of birth, of love, of hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery - of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature - it is something that causes faith and love.

In the First reading (Isaiah 35:4-7) we see more in the desert than a flower - we see and hear beyond things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about God and life in our conversations - I overheard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how we really need God. His chat strengthened my faith.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

Praise to you O lord for simple surprises in my life!

ADORAMUS—LET US ADORE!

For those of us unable to attend the Congress in Liverpool . Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be available between 10am and 11am and from 12 noon until 12.30pm this Sunday. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with those in Liverpool in our own Parish. It will need us to be quiet between the two Masses and after the 11am Mass. Please take advantage of this opportunity as requested by Bishop Mark in his Pastoral Letter.

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.



**23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC
CHURCH, HEALD GREEN**

Saturday 8th September 2018

(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm

Sunday 9th September Mass 9am &

11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	8th Sep	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Vera & David Briggs Golden Wedding Anniversary Parishioners Rick Casey (very poorly)
Sun	9th Sep		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am Exposition 10-11am & 12-12.30	
Mon	10th Sep	St Ambrose Barlow	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	11th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10am	Danny Purcell RIP
Wed	12th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Anne Armstrong seriously ill
Thu	13th Sep	St John Chrysostom	Mass 10 am	P & F Henshaw & family
Fri	14th Sep	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Mass 10 am Exposition 10.30-11am	John Goodwin RIP
Sat	15th Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mass 10 am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Audrey Forsyth RIP Pauline in thanksgiving for good health

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 : TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th September Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

16th September Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRIST CHURCH LADIES CLUB IS BACK

We start off with Mary Queen of Scots part 2 on Thursday 13th September at 2pm –4pm

NEXT SERRA MEETING 20th September

Speaker Fr Geoff O'Grady—Old Testament Characters. Everyone is very welcome. Meeting in the Parish Hall, Christ Church. Mass is at 7.30pm, followed by a light supper. Please ring Gerry Lanihan (428 9103) early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes."

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.

This event, as well as being a social occasion, is to raise funds towards constructing a seating/garden area for Fr Paul and Andrea to enjoy at the rear of the church. We are hoping this will provide them with a little oasis of calm outdoors. The evening will comprise a 3 course meal, quiz and free raffle. The cost is 10 pounds per person (please bring your own drinks)

Put your names on an envelope containing payment and either hand it in at the office or drop it through the letterbox.

If you can't make the supper but would like to make a donation towards the garden area please do so, clearly marking your gift with 'Fr Paul's garden'.

Fr Mike's 80th Birthday

Fr Mike will be celebrating his 80th birthday next month. He would like to invite parishioners to join him in celebration of Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 6th October, followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

There is a list up at the back of church. Please add your names if you intend to come so that we can ensure there is enough food for everyone!

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR BOTTLE DONATIONS

September -Donations of bottles of drinks please leave them in the porch or office.

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

SHREWSBURY LOURDES' HOSPITALITY

All members are invited to the AGM, which will take place at 2pm on Sunday 23rd September at St Chad's, Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AF (for full directions go to St Chad's website www.stchadscheadle.com). Contact kathemsley@gmail.co.uk for further details.

ANNUAL MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS

The Annual Diocesan Mass for Grandparents: 12 noon on Saturday 13th October at St Hugh's, 314 Manchester Rd, West Timperley, Altrincham WA14 5NB. Please bring your family to celebrate and give thanks for the part you play in the lives of your grandchildren. All priests are welcome to support grandparents in their parish by celebrating. Afterwards there will be refreshments. The car park for St Hugh's is behind the church off Abbotsford Grove WA14 5HL.

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.

CCRS: Catholic Certificate in Religious

Studies commences on 15 September at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port with the first of two sessions on the Church led by Fr Michael Coughlan. You may start the course of 8 modules at the beginning of any of the modules and can take the non-assessed option if you wish. Registration at 9:30am for a 10am start – 3:30pm (please bring lunch). Full details including registration and fees online at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs or email ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org You will be made most welcome.

11TH ANNIVERSARY AT CHRIST CHURCH

Yes it is 11 years since Father Paul arrived we hope he will be here for another 11 years.

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

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH is prayed prior to 10 am

ROSARY Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

THE CATHOLIC PRESS AVAILABLE IN OUR CHURCH

As I'm sure you will appreciate the Catholic press has an important job each week of bringing the Catholic perspective on the big issues of the day in our Catholic Community.

In a world where Catholics are bombarded with secular news & often negative presentations of our faith, the Catholic press has a role in correcting misinformation, and presenting the Catholic viewpoint on major home & global issues.

Please do consider purchasing one of the weekly news papers that are available in the porch. We have the Catholic Times, the Catholic Herald (both in the wall cabinet) and the Catholic Universe. They keep us up to date with our faith and our world.