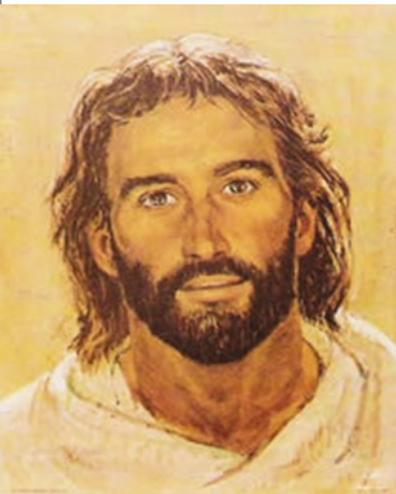


Reflection

Commitment & Sacrifice

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."



Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories.

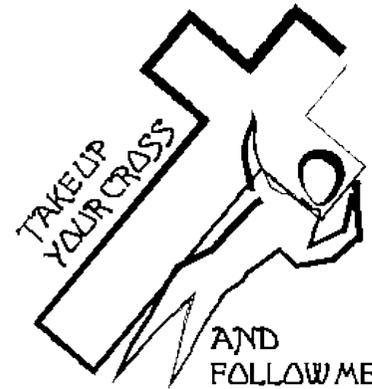
It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that

Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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.



**24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,
HEALD GREEN**

Saturday 15th September 2018

(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm

Sunday 16th September Mass 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	15th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Pauline in thanksgiving for good health
Sun	16th Sep		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Madeline & Tom Hall Diamond Wedding Parishioners
Mon	17th Sep	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	18th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10am	Catherine & David Harris in Bereavement
Wed	19th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Alex Diamond RIP
Thu	20th Sep	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	Mass 10 am	Irene Wicznka in thanksgiving
Fri	21st Sep	St Matthew	Mass 10 am Exposition 10.30-11am	Paul Marciniak RIP
Sat	22nd Sep	Ferial	Mass 10 am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	James Regan RIP Peter Andrew 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 : TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 22nd September Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
 23rd September Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT SERRA MEETING 20th September

Speaker Fr Geoff O'Grady— "David the Great King" 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."

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 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. **(MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY 19TH)** 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'.

BENEDICTION AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY BIRKENHEAD SUNDAY SEP 30TH

In honour of Saint Therese of Lisieux at 3pm.

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!

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Talk.

Senior Emergency Manager Robert Cruickshank will be speaking about CAFOD's work in the drought-ridden areas of East Africa and Ethiopia in particular. All welcome to these free events on **Monday 17th September at Holy Family Church, Sale M33 2HT, from 2-4pm, and St Joseph's Church, Penketh, Warrington WA5 2BB, from 7-9pm.** RSVP if possible for catering purposes to shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or call Katie on 01244 677594/07920 232936.

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.

ACTS'-ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY

Residential retreat Fri 26 Oct—Sun 28 Oct 2018 'Living the Eucharistic Mystery' (to coincide with the Year of the Eucharist) led by Fr Tony McGrath He will help us to explore what 'the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life' means. Venue—St Winefride's Guest House, Holywell N Wales (lifts may be available). Suggested anonymous donation £100. Contact Siobhan Cartwright 0161 477 2783/ 07761138947

Email siobhanbc@gmail.com

VACANCY AT ST JAME'S SCHOOL

St James' Catholic High School are looking for a Science teacher for a maternity cover from 30th October 2018 - full details available from the TES, the school website <http://www.stjamescatholichighschool.org.uk> or Michelle McCumesky 0161 482 6900

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.

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.

Adoremus 2018:

Adoremus is still available for all to experience with video keynotes and highlights at <https://www.shalomworldtv.org/videos/index/2590> and sound files along with downloadable copies of the talks at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>

PARISH DRAW WINNERS

August 1st Prize No 18 Carole McCann
August 2nd Prize No 13 Mary Erb
September 1st Prize No 146 Pauline Smith
September 2nd Prize No 64 Pat Beeley
Your cheques can be collected from the office.

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 Scarlett Batey who was baptised here last Sunday please pray for her and her family.

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.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MANCHESTER)

From 26th September to 4th November, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the pavement opposite Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Fallowfield, Manchester, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/ or call 07810 791032.