

## Reflection – The smallest, last and servant of all...

We've had a lot of war-history in the recent past – 1<sup>st</sup> world war, Gallipoli, 1916 – but James (second reading James 3:16 – 4:3) talks of another battlefield.... wars of good and evil within ourselves. Conflicting desires. In every war there is the evil fighting in the souls of the generals. Same with ourselves — good things emerge to be done and we allow other less good take over – visit someone sick but there is a match; help a neighbour but there's a party; visit the parents and something else happens ....go to Mass and the sun comes out and we go to the beach. Desires to control people, greed, sexual exploitation of young and not so young, the internet ...we know more from our own experience. Big time greed could have started with a fight over ice-cream at home, and somebody always getting their way at the expense of others.

### Saving Love

Jesus' love and saving love can help us bring out the best in ourselves. His cross is our peace – within ourselves and within nations. This is the reconciliation Jesus promises from the cross...peace within us and peace among us.

The apostles got into a row about who is the best, the greatest. They want to follow Jesus but something else takes over. So Jesus said little but went to the children, and we see a peaceful scene.

He is contrasting the two ways of life – competitiveness and dependency; just when you are getting into the competitiveness, look at the best in children.

Can we bring into ourselves the best of the child and find God? – the Father whom we trust, being happy to rest in the regard he has for us, with no need to worry about who is the greatest!



Did you know you can watch our masses via your computer if you are unable to attend? Go to [www.Catholicmass.org.uk](http://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.



**25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**  
**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,**  
**HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 22nd September 2018**  
**(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**

**Sunday 23rd September Mass 9am & 11am** (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	22nd Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 5.30pm Mass 9am	Peter Andrew Rip Francis Lowe
Sun	23rd Sep		Sung Mass 11am	Angela Dennehy after surgery
Mon	24th Sep	Our Lady of Walsingham	Requiem Mass 10am (Fr. Kevin Murphy celebrant)	Colette Wilmott RIP
Tue	25th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10am	Peter Nieri Anniv RIP
Wed	26th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Keith Harris RIP
Thu	27th Sep	St. Vincent de Paul	Mass 10 am	Catherine Swinburne
Fri	28th Sep	Ferial	Mass 10 am Exposition 10.30-11am	Tina Shaw Birthday
Sat	29th Sep	St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	Mass 10 am Vigil Mass 5.30pm	John Andrew Bereaved William Ashworth 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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**29th September Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**  
**30th September Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am**

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING for THE WELL-SPRING (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. It is not too late to put your donations in the porch.

### **LADIES CLUB THURSDAY 27TH SEPT 2-4PM**

In the Hall—Judith Popley on Stately Homes. Payment for the 'December Meal' due £25 members £28 non members.

### **BENEDICTION AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY BIRKENHEAD SUNDAY SEP 30TH**

In honour of Saint Therese of Lisieux at 3pm.

### **Serra Meeting on 4th October.**

Fr Paul Shaw will give a talk on "The work of a University Chaplain". Everyone is very welcome. The meeting in the parish hall, Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes."

### **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!

### **CONFIRMATION 2019**

**We begin our programme of preparation next month.**

The first meeting will be on **Saturday 6th October** after the vigil mass in the hall.

Young people in year 9 or above (and their parents) who would like to be confirmed next year should attend.

### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED Annual Events**

**6th October, Cathedral 12 noon**

**7th October, St Columba's Chester 3pm**

See poster in the porch

### **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

### **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. 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

### **RECYCLE MOBILE PHONES & INKJET CARTRIDGES to raise money for the SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL. (SVP)**

The SVP gets 50% of the market value of the recycled phone and £1.00 for each inkjet.

Please put in box in the porch. Final collection date 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

### **XAVIERIAN COLLEGE TWO OPEN DAYS**

6th & 14th October 10.30 while 2pm Contact 0161 249 2145 –email admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

### **ST JAMES' SCHOOL**

ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN EVENING— MEET OUR NEW HEADTEACHER MR ANTHONY PONTIFEX AT 6:30-8:30PM ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018

### **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 Nov 2018—Oct 2019**

Draw numbers will cost £1 per month with a one-off payment of £12. 50% goes to **Concern Universal** and the other 50% goes to the **Prize Fund –drawn monthly**. The money to be distributed will depend on the number of participants. We hope you will continue supporting this worthwhile charity. Please fill in the tear off slip on the Application Form and hand it in to the Piety Stall/Office or presbytery letterbox after the Masses over the next few weeks. Cheques should be payable to **Christ Church....**[cash payment acceptable] Your envelope should be marked "**Parish Draw**" and your name. You are not, of course, limited to one number. The Draw is open to family and friends. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

### **GIVE A CHILD A CHRISTMAS**

The Ladies Group are supporting the Toy Appeal this year. It provides toys to under privileged children in Manchester and Cheshire.

Since 2013 the appeal has distributed 3,000 sacks to children up to 17 years of age. Toys, games, books and teddies are needed or money can be donated to buy items in bulk. See leaflets in the porch for more details, or visit the [toyappeal.com](http://toyappeal.com). Donations can be left in the church office. Thank you.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEW ROTA**

Copies in the porch for those not on email

### **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 Cerys Eleanor Davies who will be baptised here this weekend. 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/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/) or call 07810 791032.

### **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER PARISH MEETING IN THE PORCH**