

Reflection

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

This week we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.



26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HEALD GREEN
Saturday 29th September 2018 (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 30th September Mass 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	29th Sep	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	William Ashworth RIP
Sun	30th Sep		Mass 9am	Edward Qualter RIP
			Sung Mass 11am	Parishioners
Mon	1st Oct	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	2nd Oct	Guardian Angels	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Wed	3rd Oct	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Marie Allen RIP
Thu	4th Oct	St. Francis of Assisi	Mass 10 am	Agnes Ashworth
Fri	5th Oct	St Thomas of Hereford FAMILY FAST DAY	Mass 10 am Exposition 10.30-11am	Michael Barker
Sat	6th Oct		Mass 12 noon (Father Mike's 80th birthday) Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Mary Moore RIP Ann Diamond 1st Anniv' RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturday 11.20 till 11.50 and 5-5.20pm.

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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Next Week : TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th October Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

7th October Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

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www.Catholicmass.org.uk and click on "Find a Church", then click on Shrewsbury Diocese , then Christ Church Heald Green.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 5th OCT.

As it is a special day of prayer for the needy & hungry of the world there will be a 2nd collection for CAFOD.

PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 2nd OCT 7pm

In the meeting/quiet room—open to all

NEXT WEEK 1st Sunday of the Month

COFFEE & CAKES IN THE HALL— come and join us for a chat with friends (and make new ones) after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

WELLSRING— it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Wellspring.

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

CARITAS (Catholic Children's Society)

The boxes will be emptied during the next 2 weeks. Thanks to all who help the Society in this way.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

September -Donations of bottles of drinks. **October Tombola and Jewellery** 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

I.T. SAVVIE?

We are looking for someone to monitor our Website. Graham has done it for years now and we need someone to take over. Experience is the key.

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

XAVERIAN COLLEGE TWO OPEN DAYS

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

OCTOBER PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Are in the porch

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>

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 thetoyappeal.com. Donations can be left in the church office. Thank you.



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.

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.

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.**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER PARISH MEETING IN THE PORCH

PARISH DRAW Nov 2018—Oct 2019

Draw numbers 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.

Margaret Molloy RIP

Some of you will remember Margaret who was a member of the over 50's group. Margaret was always at Mass each week, until she developed dementia & went into Wellcroft in Gatley. She received Holy Communion in there until she wasn't sure what she was doing. Margaret died this August and her funeral was at Holy Spirit Marple, where her cousin Imelda attends. May she rest in peace.