



Reflection – Do you hear the voice?

Many claim there is no God because He would not allow for all of violence, war, tragedy and death to occur... How can God permit such evil world? If there is no God, there is no need to label the acci-

idental nature of things to be called good or evil – you can't claim good or evil and then say you do not believe in God, whose very Word defines Good and Evil. One cannot have it both ways- no purpose for God. Things just didn't accidentally spring into existence, such as the "big bang" theory – because the next question is: who caused the bang? The Laws of Gravity and Energy instruct us that we cannot go from nothing to everything. In fact, the mere fact the the Earth is the perfect condition for giving life. Scientists have defined that there would need to be 30 discreet, precisely defined parameters for a planet to support life, or 100 to the 23rd power for those 30 parameters to align simultaneously. The chances of that happening without a creator? The Universe is not accidental and Jesus didn't just appear – do you hear the still small voice of God?

So, in this Advent Season, do YOU Hear the Good News? If you do, what are you going to do about it? If we really have a reason to believe in God, then we must get ready to repent and turn to God. We confess we made a mess out of salvation. We turn to God. This is Luke's point – the climax of events was Jesus. All of mankind can see God's salvation. We may ask; why do we need to be saved? Because we have been separated from God by our sin. Our brokenness spreads evil – but we are afraid of God's judgement – we think God is lowering the anvil on us as in punishment, but do you not hear? God gave His Son to bear the punishment for our sins. Salvation comes from Jesus, not a heavy anvil, coming down in full condemnation, but like a big sponge: God through Jesus Christ absorbed our sin.

Friends, it is Advent – return, run to God – He is our salvation. He is the one that can change your life – It has to be that way. The only way is God is through Jesus – He had to come – the cost of sin has to be absorbed by someone – the debts have to be paid – bearing the cost of our misdeeds – debt is never free. Why? It is because He loves us! When we suffer pain violence, or grief, He suffers because HE LOVES.

Do you HEAR?



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,
HEALD GREEN**

Saturday 8th December 2018

(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm

Sunday 9th December 2018

Mass 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	8th Dec		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Aman Gupta recovery after surgery
Sun	9th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent cycle C	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Paul Webster RIP Parishioners
Mon	10th Dec	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	11th Dec	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Rita Brennan RIP
Wed	12th Dec	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Charles Stiles RIP
Thu	13th Dec	St Lucy	Mass 10 am 3pm Funeral Mass for Kevin Goodier	Robert Dickenson RIP Kevin Goodier RIP
Fri	14th Dec	St John of the Cross	Mass 10 am 12 Noon Funeral Mass For John Vosper	Ged McAndry RIP John Vosper RIP
Sat	15th Dec	Ferial	Mass 12 Noon Vigil mass 5.30pm	Juliet Owbi RIP Michael Patrick Doyle RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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Next Week : THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15th December Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

16th December Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

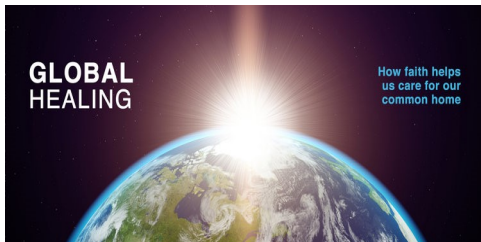
WELLSPRING— it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Well-spring. There is a list on the notice board of items they need, and also items that they do not really need.

ADVENT COURSE ON SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 9AM in the Parish Hall

The theme is :-

Our Common Home— How our faith can help us care for our common home - inspired by Pope Francis— A short film by well known people followed by suggestions for discussion / ideas on practical ways we can help no matter how little we change our habits it will make a difference. Come and be part of caring for our COMMON HOME

We will end the session with Mass at 12noon. You may have 'heard it all before' but not as inspiringly as this ,



please come and listen. Refreshments available.

GREETINGS CARDS FOR PRISONERS **ACTA [Action by Christians Against Torture]**

Come along to the Hall after any of the Masses 8/9 & 15/16 December and send a message of hope and support to a prisoner subjected to, or at risk of torture. Greeting Cards and Case Studies provided - Donation for postage requested

Christmas Fair 2018

Check the list on the office door in the porch to see if you have won any of the raffle prizes. Many still unclaimed
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE FAIR THE SUCCESS IT WAS.

We raised £1577.49

CAROLS IN THE CAFÉ 15th DECEMBER

Lead by Gracenotes -10.30 A.M. IN CAFÉ UNITY on Finney Lane —Free Mince Pies

NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY PARTY IN THE PARISH HALL

Looking for something to do New Years Eve that's not going to cost a fortune?

Family party in the church hall 7.30 pm start, with a D.J. Carriages after midnight!
Food included, bring your own drinks

£12 per adult, £8 children, under 2's free

Give your name and payment in at the office/or post to the presbytery. list in the Porch

CAFOD There will be a talk by Richard Soman, CAFOD's International Programme Officer, about CAFOD's perspective on Refugees and Migration. It is at St. Aidan's, Wythenshawe on Tuesday 11th December at 2 pm. All are welcome.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER BUT NOT TEACHING IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

YOUR DIOCESE NEEDS YOU !!!

We are holding an informal session on **Tuesday 15th January** at **Ellesmere Port Catholic High School**, Capenhurst Lane, Ellesmere Port, CH65 7AQ from 6 – 7.30 pm. If you would like to attend or want further information about returning to Catholic education, please e-mail Sue Jenkinson on sue.jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org See Poster on the schools board in the Porch.

St James' Catholic High School are looking for a cleaner to work 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday - further details from the school website www.st-jamescatholichighschool.org.uk or contact Michelle McCumesky 0161 482 6900

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

DECEMBER 10TH 2018
7.00-8.30 PM

ST JOSEPH'S , SALE

Join the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for our Explore evening . For young people in secondary school and above. Night of games, teaching, music, prayer and FREE doughnuts.

Together let's uncover what Advent means to us and how we can prepare Him room this year.

STUCK FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS?

Why not pick up a CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS catalogue in the porch.

LAST FEW WEEKS TO GET YOU SHARE IN THE PARISH DRAW WHICH WILL START IN JANUARY.

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

ROSARY Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH is prayed prior to 10 am weekday Mass or Service of the Word & Communion.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Andrea Lomas will be available on Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements

WELCOMERS NEW ROTA IN THE PORCH

READERS ROTA DEC-MAY 2019 THE PORCH— for those who do not receive it by email.

SPECTACLES FOUND IN THE PARISH HALL

If you or know of anyone who has mislaid a pair of spectacles - we have a pair found in the hall—ask in the parish office.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

24th December Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

5.30 pm Children's Vigil Mass

7 pm Carol Singing around the Village Christmas Tree

11.30 pm Midnight Mass—followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the hall

25th December Christmas Day

9 am Mass

11am Sung Mass

Young musicians for the Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

Are there any children or young people who can play an instrument or sing and would like to join our musicians at this mass? Please speak to Jane Styles, one of the children's liturgy catechists, or let us know in the Parish Office.