

REFLECTION

Here we go again

Here we go again, they might have said. Another mountain walk. When you've seen one mountain you've seen them all! But never the same with Jesus going up the mountain – something important would always happen like at the Sermon on the Mount, on Calvary, on the Mount of Olives.

On Tabor they sensed Jesus in his real full self; they heard his father saying 'this is my son'. And they would listen to his word, and then go back into the ordinary world and live this out there.

The Tabor mountain gave them courage and strength in their lives not to be afraid, as in elderly we worry about our old age, pensions and as time goes on more of our friends die or are no longer around.

In younger years we fear about finding jobs that will last, finding good friendships and marriage, being liked, finding a secure place in life;

In mid-years we may fear for our family and indeed of our future. All times of life have their fears. Fears can cloud our lives – and God is the light in our fears.

We need to go up the mountain to find grace to have strength in our fears, to find the faith, hope and love that addresses fear. Retreat, time of prayer every day, good conversations, a seaside walk. Going up the mountain can be literal, or spending good time with our loved ones. 'Sometimes when I hold my son in my arms', said a father, 'I just love the whole world'.



**SUNRISE OVER NAZARETH
LOOKING TOWARDS MT TABOR**

We need to find the times we are transfigured and live from the transfiguring power of love, creativity and prayer.

The LPA day of recollection will take place on Saturday 23rd March at Christ Church, starting at 9.30am. Lunch will be provided.

Please bring your Rosary Beads if possible.

~~~~~

**LENT COURSE**

**The theme this year is LIVING FRUITFULLY.**

**The course will run here from TUESDAY 12th March 2pm in the parish hall**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 16th March 2019**

**(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**

**Sunday 17th March 2019**

**Mass 9am & 11am**

**(Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

|     |          |                                                                               |                                               | <i>Intentions</i>                              |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sat | 16th Mar | Second Sun-<br>day of Lent                                                    | Vigil Mass 5.30pm                             | Josie Jepson RIP                               |
| Sun | 17th Mar |                                                                               | Mass 9am<br>Sung Mass 11am                    | Wilfrid Qualter RIP<br>Parishioners            |
| Mon | 18th Mar | Ferial                                                                        | Celebration of the Word and<br>Communion 10am |                                                |
| Tue | 19th Mar | Ferial                                                                        | Mass 10 am                                    | Santos Reyes Ugarte RIP                        |
| Wed | 20th Mar | Ferial                                                                        | Requiem Mass 11am                             | Gerry Dwan RIP                                 |
| Thu | 21st Mar | Ferial                                                                        | Mass 10 am                                    | John Kelly RIP                                 |
| Fri | 22nd Mar | Special day of<br>prayer for the<br>needy & hungry.<br><b>Family fast day</b> | Mass 10 am<br>Stations of the Cross 7 pm      | Repose of Souls                                |
| Sat | 23rd Mar | Ferial                                                                        | Mass 10 am<br>Vigil mass 5.30pm               | Tina Shaw's mothers<br>soul.<br>Sylvia Dugdale |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.**

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Finney Lane, HEALD GREEN Cheadle, SK8 3DY  
Priest: Fr. Paul R. Lomas  
Tel No: 01614375042      Mobile 07973239942



**Next Week : Third Sunday of Lent:**

**Saturday 23rd March 2019 Vigil Mass 5.30pm**

**Sunday 24th March 2019 Mass at 9am & 11am**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SERRA MEETINGS. In the Parish Hall 7.30pm**

On Thursday 21st March for the Lenten Reflections. Fr G O'Grady will talk on The Psalms. Everyone is very welcome. 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.

### **The Celebrate North West family conference**

takes place on April 27-28 at All Hallows College, Macclesfield. It is a two-day event packed full of interesting and thought provoking experiences that help to engage and encourage the faith of all ages by offering an all-age, exciting, faith-building experience. Please phone Chris and Martina on 01706 640 359, or email them at northwest@celebrateconference.org or go to <https://www.celebrateconference.org/north-west>

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MANCHESTER)**

From 6th March to 14th April, you're invited to join 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 work. 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.

### **DIOCESAN SPRING TALKS**

The theme of the 2019 4 diocesan spring talks is ***CALLED TO HOLINESS, GIFTED FOR MISSION***. On 16 Mar, 10:30-12:30, St Winefride's School Hall SHREWSBURY (SY1 1TE). Fr Tom Cunnagh will address the title: "***We're in this together!***" The other 3 talks are on the following Weds and Sats. Everyone is most welcome to come and reflect on this vital theme.

### **TALK ON CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME MONDAY 8TH APRIL 7.30PM**

An interesting talk by Catherine Green, CAFOD campaign volunteer

St Vincent's Parish Centre Groby Rd Altrincham WA14 2BP

See poster in the porch.

## **YOUR HOLY NAME STORY PROJECT**

The Holy Name Church is a Grade 1 listed gothic revival building of 1869-71 Built by the Jesuits, it served as a parish church until 1960. The aim of this project is to record personal accounts of experiences of the Church by conducting interviews with people who attended the Church while also acquiring photographs, archives and local history pertaining to the Church. If you wish to participate contact: Grace Thornhill [holynamestory@gmail.com](mailto:holynamestory@gmail.com)

### **Attention all Gift Aid Donors**

The tax year 2018/19 will be coming to an end on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and the Parish will then make a claim to HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) for Gift Aid refunds on all donations made in the tax year. Father Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the donations you have made over the course of this tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Jane Handley, our Parish Gift Aid Organiser (Mobile Telephone Number 07925 340 252) or the Parish Office know by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations you have made during the tax year.

In addition it is important that we keep our Gift Aid records up-to-date and therefore if you have moved house or change your name in the past few years, we would be grateful if you could let Jane or the Parish Office know.

### **Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes**

The envelopes for the 2019/20 tax year are now available for collection in the porch. They should be used from 7th April. If you would like to give regularly by envelope or standing order, please contact the office and fill in the appropriate forms.

## **VACANCIES**

### **ST AMBROSE COLLEGE HALE BARNES**

Teacher of :- Geography  
Design & Technology  
Deputy Head of Humanities  
[www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk)  
See notice board in the porch

### **Urgent Appeal for Volunteers**

Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury are in need of volunteers for their asylum seeker and refugee project at St Aidan's Centre in Wythenshawe. Tuesday afternoon's (11:45-2:30) or Thursday mornings (9:45-12:30).

We need male and female volunteers for the Tuesday group, which is an "English Conversation" group helping both male and female clients to improve their English. We need female volunteers for the Thursday group, which is just for women and their children. We work to improve English skills and we learn about each other's cultures while taking part in fun activities. We particularly need female volunteers who will help with the children. If you feel you could spare 2-3 hours per week to join our team of reliable and friendly volunteers, please contact Rachel Hughes (Caritas Volunteer Coordinator) 07938 377 689/email: [rachel.hughes@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:rachel.hughes@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)

### **CALLED TO HOLINESS, GIFTED FOR MISSION**

*The second of 4 diocesan talks will be by Fr Jonathan Brandon, [Wed March 20](#) in St Columba's, Chester ([7pm-9pm](#)). It will be repeated in Shrewsbury the following Saturday. Details on the diocesan website.*

### **WELCOMERS**

We need another person to join the welcomer's rota at the 11am mass. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

### **WEEKDAY EVENING MASS DURING LENT**

St Chad's—Tuesdays 7.30pm  
St Ann's Wednesdays 7.30pm

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

## **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.

### **HOLY WATER**

*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 Georgia Rending who will be baptised this Sunday. Please pray for her and her family

### **APF (RED) BOXES**

will be emptied in the next 2 weeks.

\*\*\*\*\*

**The Requiem Mass for Gerry Dwan will be on Wednesday 20th March at 11am.**

\*\*\*\*\*

### **LENT—So what are you doing?**

Why not :

- **Attend an extra weekday mass**
- **Follow the way of Jesus in Stations of the Cross each Friday**
- **Make sure you fast on Wednesdays & Fridays**
- **Spend 5 minutes each day quietly praying to God**
- **Attend the Lent course on Tuesdays**