

★ Jesus is my
SUPERHERO

Reflection

If the body isn't coordinated, it isn't effective

The 2012 movie The Avengers was the story of a group of superheroes that banded together to battle an evil force that was bent on world domination. The only problem was, these superheroes had a hard time banding. For about the first half of the movie, they were each caught up in their own agendas.

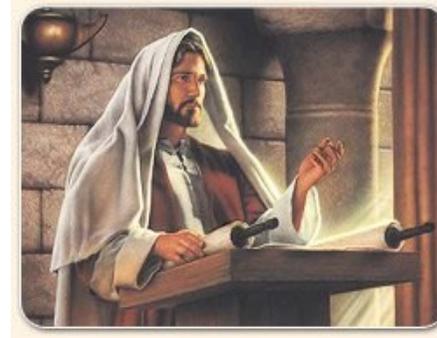
They squabbled. They backbit. They distrusted each other's motives. As a result, the whole was actually far less than the sum of its parts. And the bad guy was smart enough to anticipate all of this. He actually counted on their lack of unity in order to accomplish his diabolical plan. He almost won, because the Avengers failed to realize that it took all of them, each using his or her own gifts, in order to defeat the enemy.

At one point, when it looks as though the team has fallen apart, Agent Nick Fury says to them, "The idea was to bring together a group of remarkable people, see if they could become something more. See if they could work together when we needed them to, to fight the battles that we never could."

The funny thing is, with the exception of that "fight the battles we never could" part, that pretty much could describe God's plan for His church. And, unfortunately, the first half of The Avengers pretty much describes the way it often works out for churches. It certainly describes the way the church was functioning (or malfunctioning) in Corinth. So in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul gives a "Nick Fury" speech of his own.

If you've not seen The Avengers, then I don't want to spoil anything for you. But I will tell you that what finally brought this group of dysfunctional heroes together was the death of one of the characters. Somebody gave his life for the sake of the group, and this is what brought them together.

At the end of the day, the one thing makes a church more than just a bunch of talented people is the death and resurrection of Christ. Everything we do points to the sacrifice Christ made for us, and the reality of His resurrection. Without that, we could still be a group of talented people. But because of the resurrection, and the power of Christ that works within us, we are gifted people, brought together into one body, for one purpose.



**3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC
CHURCH, HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 26th January 2019
(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**

**Sunday 27th January 2019
Mass 9am & 11am**

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| Sat | 26th Jan | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Vigil Mass 5.30pm | Ged McAndry RIP |
| Sun | 27th Jan | | Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am | Sheena Shawcat RIP Parishioners |
| Mon | 28th Jan | St Thomas Aquinas | Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am | |
| Tue | 29th Jan | Ferial | Mass 10 am | Vivien Burns RIP |
| Wed | 30th Jan | Ferial | Mass 10 am | Gertie Sloan RIP |
| Thu | 31st Jan | St John Bosco | Mass 10 am | Susan Lewis for health |
| Fri | 1st Feb | Ferial | Mass 10 am | Catherine Breen RIP |
| Sat | 2nd Feb | 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mass 10 am Vigil mass 5.30pm | Josie Jepson RIP For a family in difficulties |

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 : Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**Saturday 2nd February 2019 Vigil Mass 5.30pm and
Sunday 3rd February 2019 Mass at 9am & 11am**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL PARTY NEXT SATURDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY FROM 2PM



The list is up in the porch so make sure you put your name down or leave a note for the office of the name and telephone number of anyone who should be contacted.

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO CATER FOR

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE

will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday, 9th February, 2019. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 27th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation.

SERRA MEETING

Thursday, 7th February. Deacon Anthony Caffney will give a talk on "A day in the life of a funeral director". Everyone is very welcome. The meetings are in the Parish Hall, Christ Church. Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes.

LADIES GROUP

Next meeting Thursday 14th February 2pm in hall for the AGM and new programme.

FIRST SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN, IN YEAR 3, WHO

ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

The Preparation Sessions will be starting on Wednesday 30th January 2019 for those children who are seven who wish to receive preparation from the Church to make their First Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. To register their child for the preparation classes, each weekly class will be from 6-7pm, in the church meeting room, will parents please contact the church office/Fr. Paul to give the following information: Full name of child; their age and date of birth; their Baptism date and where baptized.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Darwin and the Invisible Gardener: Perspectives on Science and Faith

Lecture by Fr Andrew Pinsent on Monday 18th February 7pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Admission Free. See poster in the porch for more information.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Youth leaders training

What: A parish youth leaders training day ideal for Parish Youth Leaders, Clergy, Staff with a care for Catholicity and Young Adults with an interest in Youth Ministry.

When: Twilight training - Wednesday 30th January @Shrewsbury Cathedral, 6pm - 8pm

Saturday 9th February @St Hugh & St John, Timperley, 10am-2.30pm

How to book: Please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to book your place.

VACANCIES

St James' Catholic High School

is looking for a cleaner 3 to 6pm each evening, term time only. Further details available from the school website or contact Michelle McCumesky on 482 6900.

St Ambrose College requires 2 Part time Caretakers from February 2019. Please see the poster on the notice-board for full information.

Caritas Shrewsbury currently has 2 vacancies for Family Support Workers (Wythenshawe and Shropshire). Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

THE 2019 DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY YEAR BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH . COST £5 PLEASE PUT THE MONEY IN THE PAPERS WALL BOX.

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.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

HOLY WATER

Please note *Holy Water* is available from the stone jar on the altar steps near the Baptismal Font.



LOST PROPERTY

Please check in the box in the porch for any items you are missing.

PARISH DRAW

January winners:
1st No. 83 Mary Connery £70,
2nd No. 137 Beathen Hopkins £12
Cheques will be available from the church office on Father Paul's return.

WELCOME

We welcome Sadie Rebecca and Bethan Bergin-Rooney and who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please pray for them and their families.