

## REFLECTION Jesus challenges us to!

People turned against Jesus, the one who spoke gracious words, or the one who spoke challenging words, and a mixture.



He was liked and not liked. There were people who were very religious and liked him, who were the backbone of Judaism, and others who went off him when he said what they didn't like or agree with. He started with the Scripture - but then went on to point out bits of the scripture they didn't like to hear - about foreigners. And later they would say - sure we knew him as a kid and his family; that meant they could write off what he said.

He was inviting them to the purity of their religion. Often happens when there are new challenges in the church. What is happening in the church where the world we live in challenges old customs and beliefs about marriage, civil partnerships, divorce, and also how to welcome people to church who don't feel they belong. All are welcome here in the love of God. We don't give up what is essential to our church but we are brought into rethinking and sometimes to change, sometimes to stay with what is an everlasting truth.

This happens in the church and in the family. We need to be able to live in love with different points of view and different ways of life. Child not baptised, marriage not in church, gay partnerships...the people are more important. Jesus is challenging them to see everyone as important, and especially the poor. He would always do this. And they would kill him for it, because he never put organised religion before people.

The words which are at first upsetting may proved to be gracious words as they were from the mouth of the Lord.

**Fr. Paul wishes to thank everyone who made his 65th. Birthday such a great celebration. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. Thanks also to Christine and her team who provided such a sumptuous Afternoon tea for us.**

**LOVE** is patient. **LOVE** is kind. **LOVE** does not envy. **LOVE** does not boast. **LOVE** does not dishonor others. **LOVE** is not self-seeking. **LOVE** does not easily get angry. **LOVE** does not keep a record of wrongs. **LOVE** does not delight in evil. **LOVE** rejoices with the truth. **LOVE** always protects. **LOVE** always trusts. **LOVE** always hopes. **LOVE** always perseveres. **LOVE. NEVER. FAILS.**  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YR C  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
HEALD GREEN

Saturday 2nd February 2019

(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm

Sunday 3rd February 2019

Mass 9am & 11am

(Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				Intentions
Sat	2nd Feb	The Presentation of the Lord	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	For a family in difficulties
Sun	3rd Feb	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Vincent McDermott Anniv Latif Askander RIP
Mon	4th Feb	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	5th Feb	St Agatha M	Mass 10 am	Gertie Sloan RIP
Wed	6th Feb	St Paul Miki & companions	Mass 10 am	Francis Sloan RIP
Thu	7th Feb	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Imelda McAlinden RIP
Fri	8th Feb	Day of special prayer for victims of trafficking	Mass 10 am	Catherine Breen RIP
Sat	9th Feb		Mass 10 am Vigil mass 5.30pm	Josie Jepson RIP Members of Serra

### 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 : Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saturday 9th February 2019 Vigil Mass 5.30pm and

Sunday 10th February 2019 Mass at 9am & 11am

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PUBLIC MEETING RE PLANS FOR NEW HOMES IN HEALD GREEN 12th Feb 2019**

To give you the facts & a chance to discuss the proposals Rate Payers are holding a meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday at 7.30 pm  
Also check Stockport Council for times re a drop –in on Wednesday 13th February  
**SEE LETTER FROM OUR MP IN THE PORCH** - regarding development in Heald Green and Griffin Farm, Stanley Green. You can find out more on [www.gmconsult.org](http://www.gmconsult.org)

### **LADIES GROUP**

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

### **JUSTICE & PEACE AT CHRIST CHURCH**

Meeting Tuesday 19th February 7.30 pm here at Christ Church we need new members so please come along and find out what we do—it is not onerous.

A prayerful reflection on "**The Humanity of Christ**" is the theme for the next Day of Reflection for 'ACTS' ('Adult Catholics Together Spiritually') being held on Sat 16 February 2019. Fr Michael Coughlan will lead the day which starts at 9.30am and finishes around 4.30pm ish. The venue is Sacred Heart and St Peter church, Southmoor Rd, Baguley, South Manchester M23 1HP. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details ([siobhanbc@gmail.com](mailto:siobhanbc@gmail.com) / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947). The venue is near Wythenshawe Hospital and Manchester airport, both accessible by public transport.

**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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

### **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](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) to book your place.

### **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.

## 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 noticeboard for full information.

### **Headteacher Vacancy - Saint Mary's, Congleton**

The Local Governing Body is looking to recruit a new Headteacher for their primary school. If you know of a practising and committed Catholic with the right skills who might be interested in leading the school, they would be very welcome to arrange an informal visit in the first instance. This can be arranged by calling the school on: 01260 274690. All information and documentation relating to the role is available on the school website: <http://www.saintmaryscongleton.co.uk/work-with-us/>. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**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](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / [info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto: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.

### **SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2019**

Robin Haig has thanked us for the retiring collection which amounted to £426.10 and for the warm welcome.

### **BABY LOSS MATTERS WEEK—3RD FEBRUARY**

Baby Loss Matters aims to raise awareness & provide support for people suffering after loss. Please see materials in the porch