

Reflection - GRACE AND LIGHT

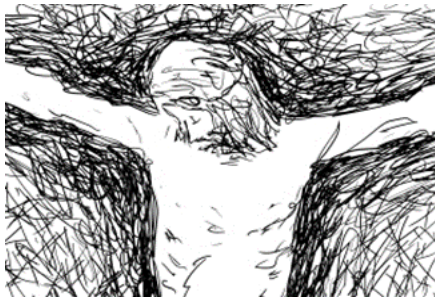
Why rose vestments today? It is the hope of Easter just around the corner. We are on the way, but not there yet. So we wear the colours of joy. Of the love which has brought us here and made us the work of art we are.

The 2nd reading (Ephesians 2:4-10) is always true - we are always God's work of art - he sees from the inside out. Even, or maybe especially, the weak body and the disability is a work of art - love is the product and love is the artist.

BELONGING TO GOD

Who do we belong to? In the end, it's God. Children, brothers and sisters of Jesus - belonging. This is the life of faith, the life of faith in the heart.

We can often think of God and faith as deadening. Our faith is that he sent his son from love. Jesus is the one who went through all we go through and rose from death. As our faith in this becomes strong, then we find love active from God in our lives. At times when there is little else there. We unite ourselves with the sufferings of



Jesus and rise with him. God, being love, promises not an easy life nor magical solutions, but love always.

We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ. Easter

is around the corner. If you take a corner too quickly you crash...life is often a call in patience to find oneself and to be found by God. How big is your God - how loving is your God? Look at the crucifix here and say - this much!

Love brings us here and continually makes a work of art of us. We are God's work of art. **Thanks be to God!**



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

**Saturday 10th March 2018
(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm**

**Sunday 11th March 2018
Mass 9am & 11am
(Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				Intentions
Sat	10th	Third	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Parishioners Mary & Bill Cummins (RIP) All Mothers of the Parish
Sun	11th March	Sunday of Lent	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	
Mon	12th March	Ferial	Celebration of Word & Communion 10am	
Tue	13th March	Ferial	Mass 10am	For a successful operation
Wed	14th March	Ferial	Mass 10am	For all suffering with Dementia
Thu	15th March	Ferial	Mass 10am Mass 7.30pm	Colin Dixon (RIP) For the sick in the Parish
Fri	16th March	Ferial	Mass 10am Exposition 10.30-11am Stations of the Cross 7pm	Mary & Bill Cummins (RIP)
Sat	17th March	St Patrick	Mass 10am	Secular Clergy Fund Benefactors

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 OF LENT (YEAR B)
17th March Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
18th March Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

40 Stories of Hope—Lent Course

MONDAY Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane at 7.15 for 7.30pm start

TUESDAY Christ Church Parish Hall at 2pm—please join in.

TAIZE WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Churches Together in Heald Green invite you to a candle-light service of contemplative prayer and choral singing, here at Christ Church on Sunday 11th March 6.30pm. Come at 5.30pm if you want to sing with the choir.

SERRA MEETING

The next talk will be on Thursday, 15th March. The second talk from Gerard Humphries on St. Paul. Then on the 5th April Fr Paul Lomas will be talking about "The influence of St Paul on the Church". Everyone is very welcome. The meetings are 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 of the meeting, if possible.

CANTORES OECUMENICA

There will be a presentation of Olivet to Calvary at Holy Angels RC Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF on Palm Sunday 25th March 2018 commencing at 4pm sung by the Cantores Oecumenica choir. The duration of the work is about 1 hour. Entry is free and a retiring collection is available for donations all of which will go to Christian Aid and the SVP.

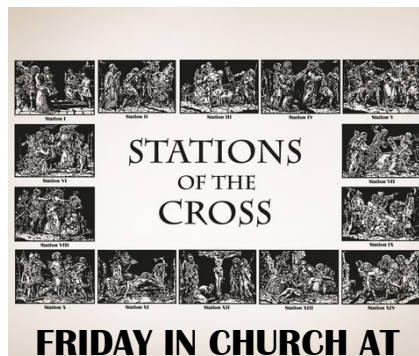
Please see Poster for full details. The website is cantoresoec.org, contact info@cantoresoec.org

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

Liverpool at the Echo Arena on 7th & 8th September. The Symposium on the Friday is a primary focus for Catechists, Religious Education personnel, Music Leaders, chaplains and those involved with formation.

Shrewsbury Diocese has been allocated **154 places—booking forms, should be returned by 12th March**. See posters in the porch. There are 2 Masses on the 9th at 9.30 and 11.30am.

www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/adoremus



FRIDAY IN CHURCH AT 7pm EACH WEEK.
Also an evening Mass in the weeks Check the newsletter for the day.

APF RED BOXES

The boxes will not be collected this month. Please pick up a copy of the Missio Spring Magazine from the porch.

Fr. Maningi in Tanzania

Early in April Don McLeish going to see Fr. Williband so any donations will be taken and much appreciated.

The RELUCTANT DISCIPLE—£6.36

The books ordered at the LPA day of Recollection have now been received. Please pay & collect from the office. (If you weren't there, you missed a very good day.)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES THIS YEAR ARE SATURDAY 21st & 28th APRIL 11am here at Christ Church.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

CARDS & GIFTS for St Patrick's Day, Easter & First Communion
available in the porch

UNIVERSAL & CATHOLIC

Have you noticed how in our Church that every time Anglicans or Methodists or any other denomination are always mentioned we call them 'non-Catholic. That is quite a negative description and sounds too exclusive. Should not the local church be more sensitive to "outsiders"?

When Jesus goes to his own town, Nazareth, the people give him a fantastic welcome. But soon they want to lynch him. Why? Jesus tells them that he has come to bring "good news to the poor" but they clearly expect divine attention for themselves. Jesus reminds them that God in the past also brought healing to non-Jews and to outsiders. God had helped the poor widow from Sidon, and then cured the leper Naaman, who was a Syrian. The local peoples are angry to be told God might put foreigners before them.

We should be honest when we hear the Gospel and recognise we can be like these people in Nazareth in the synagogue who get furious at Jesus' words. We often presume that God will look after us first rather than being concerned with non-Catholics or foreigners. Are we sensitive enough to the fact God's outreach is catholic and universal? If we are not, Lent is a good time to repent.

VACANCIES

St James' Catholic High are to appoint a Deputy Headteacher commencing on 1st September 2018. Further information is available from Michelle McCumesky on 0161 482 6900 or see the TES website.

Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust

Advert for Chief Executive Officer—see poster in porch

Finance Manager for the Diocese—see poster in porch

Reprographics Technician at ST AMBROSE COLLEGE - see poster in porch

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.

WELCOME

We welcome George Oscar SEVERS and Stanley James HABERSHON who are to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST ENVELOPES

If you have not yet returned your envelope please do so as soon as possible so that we can send off the monies to CAFOD

Attention all Gift Aid Donors

The tax year 2017/18 will be coming to an end on 5th April 2018 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 5th April 2018, 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 2018/19 tax year are now available for collection in the porch. They should be used from 8th April. If you would like to give regularly by envelope or standing order, please contact the office and fill in the appropriate forms.