

**Reflection** I am the Vine you are the branches.



You know how it is. Sometimes we lose touch with a particular person. We no longer know where he or she is, what she is doing, or what is happening in her life. One day we run into him or her. It's a bit awkward. No one is sure what to say. There's not much to talk about. There was no deep abiding presence, the connection is lost, and it seems as if what was has been thrown away. Other people we run into after five or ten years and the conversation immediately picks up

where we left off those many years ago. Even though we were apart we never left each other. There was and remains a connection and mutual abiding that time, distance, and the circumstances of life cannot sever. "What fruit am I producing?" "How much?" "Is it an acceptable quality?" Those are good questions if we understand and ask them diagnostically as questions not about the quantity of our lives but the quality of our lives. That's what Jesus is after. That is the deeper question he is asking. It is the invitation to join the conversation, jump into the game, to participate, and to live fully alive. That only happens when the life, the love, and the goodness and holiness of Christ flow in us. We become an extension of and manifest his life, love, and holiness. It is a relationship of union even as a branch is united to the vine. We live our lives as one. This is not just about relationship with Jesus; it affects and is the basis for our relationships with one another. Love for Jesus, one another, and ourselves become one love. We soon discover we are living one life and the fruit of that life and love is abundant, overflowing, and Father glorifying.



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 28th April 2018 (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm  
Sunday 29th April 2018 Mass 9am & 11am  
(Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	28th Apr	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Edward MacCarron RIP Bill Miles RIP Parishioners
Sun	29th Apr		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	
Mon	30th Apr	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	1st May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Wed	2nd May	St Athanasius	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Thu	3rd May	SS Philip & James	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Fri	4th May	The English Martyrs	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Sat	5th May	Ferial	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Denis Hopkins RIP

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturday **19th May** 11.30 till 12noon and 5-5.20pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION in our LPA :**

St Chads: Saturdays after 11.30 am Mass  
St Ann's Wednesdays 7-7.25 pm  
Saturdays: 11.30-11.55am—5-5.25 pm

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**Next Week : SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**  
5th MAY Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm  
6th MAY Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### CHRIST CHURCH LADIES' CLUB

Trip to Rochdale Pioneers museum - "The opening of a Cooperative Store", and a visit to Garden Rigg Garden Centre. Thursday 10th May. Spaces available. Cost £15: Call Collette 437 7968.

### AND

We are running an extra trip this year which may be of interest to the parish in general. We are going to see the exhibition of **TERRACOTTA WARRIORS AT LIVERPOOL** World Museum Date - 21st June 2018 departing 9.15 am for a 10.30 admission Cost - £25 - includes admission to the exhibition and coach fare from and to Church.

On the journey back we will be stopping at a Garden Centre to give you the opportunity to have lunch or a sandwich etc.

**This is NOT a "Ladies Only" trip.** Interested? Call Collette on 437 7968.

### RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 19TH MAY 7PM IN THE HALL

Horses available for £3:00 or Sponsor a race for £30. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Entrance fee, a food item for Wellspring: See poster in the porch & sign up to come

### SERRA MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd May 7.30pm for mass followed by light supper and talk by Father Jonathan Brandon on vocations. Meetings are in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Please notify Gerry on 428 9103 at the beginning of the week if you plan to attend.

### Heald Green Festival 2018

This annual event will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall and fields.

In recent years we have had a professional football coach to manage the event on the day, but unfortunately this year the PFA coach is not available, and the management team of the festival do not have anyone young enough or fit enough to run up and down the soccer pitch!!!!

We are desperate to find someone to take on board this task, and are inviting people to contact Ged McAndry (tel 437 7968/07975 907701) to express their interest and to learn more of what it entails. Don't be shy!

### SHARE THE JOURNEY.....

is a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move, launched by Pope Francis and supported by CAFOD. More people than ever before are fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty.

To show solidarity, groups from round the world will be walking and recording the total distance walked on Pope Francis' website. He is aiming to reach a total of 24,900 miles ( the distance around the whole world)

We plan to have a local walk on **Saturday 16th June**, after the 10am mass. All are welcome.

### To all members of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality.

At the last AGM we voted to begin a working party to look at our constitution and ensure that it is fit for purpose for the future. We have come up with some draft proposals. We will meet again at St Mary of the Angels, Hooton. CH66 1QJ - Exit J5 M53 and head in direction of Chester A41. Church is 200 yds over the lights beside a car wash on right hand side - on Saturday, 12th May at 1.30pm. Anyone who wishes to join us will be very welcome. If you would like to receive a copy of the existing constitution and the suggested changes or, if you are unable to join us but want to make a comment, please email me at:

[annerogowski584@hotmail.com](mailto:annerogowski584@hotmail.com) and I will ensure that your points are fed back.

**FLAME 2019** takes place at the SSE Arena, Wembley, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, and is likely to attract 10,000 young people from around the country. It is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the country.

If anyone in years 10-13 is interested please let us know so that, if there is sufficient interest, we can plan a visit. Email: [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## VACANCIES

### See School vacancies in the porch

### CHEADLE CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL

Is looking for a Foundation Governor. A Foundation Governor is one who represents the Bishop and the Diocese, and needs to be committed to the values of Catholic education. Applications are sought particularly, but not exclusively from those with a background in education.

St James' Catholic High are looking for a food technician (maternity cover) (Hours to be worked over 5 days between the hours of 09:00am and 3:15pm – but the days/times can be negotiated). Further details from the school website <http://www.stjamescatholichighschool.org> or contact Michelle McCumesky 0161 482 6900).

### DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY EDUCATION

Have vacancies for Foundation Governors within the Stockport Local Authority area ; if you are interested go to the Diocese Website and click on Education/Governors/ Governor Vacancies or email [Sue.Blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Sue.Blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**"Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and the World":** A chance to hear **Mrs Sherry Weddell**, international author, on Sat 12 May 2018, St Ambrose College, Hale Barns WA15 0HE (9:30/10:00-15:30, please bring lunch). Sherry has a wealth of experience helping people deepen their personal relationship with God and living out its implications in mission; she is a speaker who will both inspire and encourage. **Everyone welcome.** Enquiries: Barbara Davies 07730 526 821; Details and Registration: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration), or Helen Jones 0151 652 9855.

## 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 Anthony Orah Joseph, Codie James Dean Sanderson and Jacob Jackson Aitken who are to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

### 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.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

**Andrea Lomas will next be available on Tuesday 22nd May 7.30-8.30pm** for anyone wishing to discuss arrangements

**If you are unable to attend Mass.....Go to [www.Catholicmass.org.uk](http://www.Catholicmass.org.uk) and click on "Find a Church", then click on Shrewsbury Diocese, then Christ Church Heald Green**

**PLEASE NOTE COPIES OF ROTAS FOR EMs, READERS & WELCOMERS ARE IN PLASTIC POCKETS PINNED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE 'This Week' Notice Board (next to the office)**

### NEXT WEEK 1st Sunday of the Month

**COFFEE IN THE HALL—** come and join us after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

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