

Reflection: The Love and Joy of knowing Jesus

This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love with one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will last. It's a vision of love, call and service.



Central Statement

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

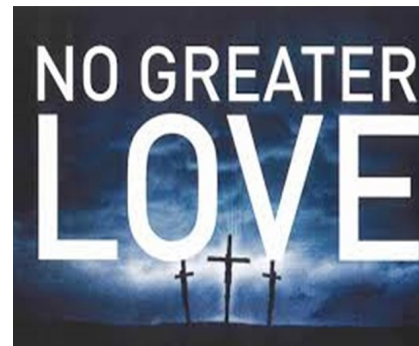
Jesus' love was to lay down his life in a specific way. Our love lays down our life often in small, unforgotten ways. Hours spent with a sick child or parent, years caring for someone ill, leaving home on missionary assignments; giving up something for children. The message is a big challenge in simple ways for most of us.

Joy

Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life – love, is the biggest commandment of God. It shows us that God is on our side. His commandment is to do what we want most to do and experience – to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

Can we sing/say Alleluia to that?

If you are unable to attend Mass.....Go to www.Catholicmass.org.uk and click on "Find a Church", then click on Shrewsbury Diocese , then Christ Church Heald Green



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC
CHURCH, HEALD GREEN
Saturday 5th May 2018 (Vigil Mass)
5.30pm
Sunday 6th May 2018 Mass 9am &
11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	5th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Denis Hopkins RIP Parishioners Rose Egan (RIP)
Sun	6th May		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	
Mon	7th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word	and Communion 10am
Tue	8th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word	and Communion 10am
Wed	9th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word	and Communion 10am
Thu	10th May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Celebration of the Word ST CHADS CHEADLE ST ANN'S	and Communion 10am MASS 9.30 A.M. MASS 10am & 7.30pm
Fri	11th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Sat	12th May	Ferial	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Mary O'Hara

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

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

Next Week : SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)
12th MAY Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
13th MAY Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Ascension of the Lord this Thursday

Please note that there will not be a Mass at Christ Church—we will have Service of the Word and Communion at 10am Masses at St Chad's (9.30am) and St Ann's (10am & 7.30pm)

CHRIST CHURCH LADIES' CLUB

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.

SERRA MEETING

On Thursday 17th May, Gabrielle Lee will give a talk on "Women in Prison".

The meeting is at Christ Church, Heald Green. The meeting starts at 7.30pm with mass, followed by a light supper and the talk. Everyone is very welcome but please ring Gerry Lanigan (428 9103) early in the week of the meeting.

RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 19TH MAY 7PM IN THE HALL

Horses available for £3:00 or Sponsor a race for £30. We need one more Sponsorship, you may want to club together for that, and we have some more horses for sale. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Entrance fee, a tin of food for Wellspring: Profit to be split between Wellspring and our Parish Hall. See poster in the porch & sign up to come

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.

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.

ANNUAL SVP WALK FOR THE 80th CHILDREN'S CAMP SUNDAY 3RD JUNE - NOON TO 3.00PM

Meet at Coffee shop Shrigley Rd North Poynton—walk by canal-back along Middlewood Way:

Kevin McKenna 07504 130 749
See poster in the Porch

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 22nd, 23rd 24th JUNE 2018

Liverpool Hope University : speakers- Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Gary Stephens & Michelle Moran contact

Kevin McKenna 07504 130 749
See poster in the Porch

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)

VACANCIES

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

"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, or Helen Jones 0151 652 9855.

FLAME 2019 takes place at the SSE Arena, Wembley, on 2nd 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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

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.

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.

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 and I will ensure that your points are fed back.

Heald Green Festival 2018

This annual event will be on Saturday 30th 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!