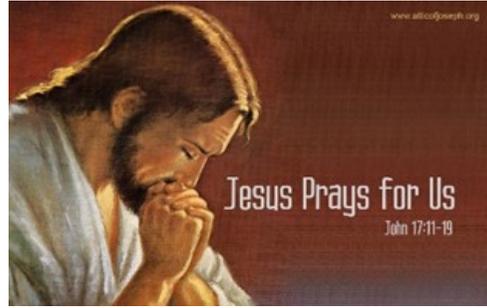


**REFLECTION Jesus prays for us**

In these final chapters of John’s Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all about. He speaks at length of the bond between him and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is ‘sent’.

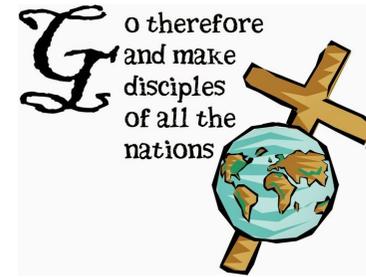


Jesus tells us that we too are ‘sent’ to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission as his followers is in the midst of and in the depths of the world. He wants his love and message inserted in the centre of the world, the city, the neighbourhood. In following him in mission and love, we are ourselves sanctified. How do I experience this ‘being sent’?

The earth may belong to us, but we must not belong to it: we must not be possessed by worldly cares. With Pope Francis, we pray that Jesus “may free us from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the centre of our lives.”

Jesus prays that we be protected from the “evil one.” The Pope points out that the Spirit “does not remove evil with a magic wand”; instead “he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, death and fear.” The reality of the risen Christ is that, from now on, nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love.

Jesus as the giver of divine life. He possesses the fullness of Godly life. This is what he leaves to us in his flesh and blood, the Eucharist. Prayer unites us to the sacrifice of Jesus who, all through his life, not just at Calvary, gave himself to us as teacher, healer, protector - always as loving friend. What is your favourite title for Jesus? Repeat that sometimes in prayer and bring it through the day like a lingering line of a song or a tune.



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

**Saturday 12th May 2018 (Vigil Mass)**

**5.30pm**

**Sunday 13th May 2018 Mass 9am & 11am**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	12th May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Mary O’Hara Margaret Vosper RIP Parishioners
Sun	13th May		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	
Mon	14th May	St Matthias	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	15th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Wed	16th May	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Thu	17th May	Ferial	Mass 10am	
Fri	18th May	Ferial	Mass 10am	
Sat	19th May	Ferial	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	

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



**Next Week : PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B)**  
**19th MAY Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm**  
**20th MAY Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SERRA MEETING 17th MAY 7.30 pm

Meeting On Thursday 17th May, Gabrielle Lee will give a talk on "Women in Prison". Here at Christ Church, in the hall. 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

#### **A RACE NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE —WIND UP HORSE RACING:**

A lively interactive racing night, featuring a programme of races of various distances, with 'riders' either drawn from the audience or controlled by their sponsored/owned jockey. 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—the more the merrier.

### NEXT PARISH MEETING 28th MAY 7PM

If you are a parishioner you are welcome to join in and have your say in church matters.

### 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.

**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

**ANNUAL SVP WALK** for the 80th children's camp. Sunday 3rd June noon till 3pm.

Meet at Coffee shop Shrigley Rd North Poynton—walk by the canal and back along Middlewood Way.

### **NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

22-24th June at Liverpool Hope University. Speakers Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Eamonn Mulchahy, Gary Stephens & Michelle Moran.

FOR BOTH THESE EVENTS Contact Kevin McKenna 07504130749 See poster in church

## 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).

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a technology technician (part time, term time only) further details are available from the school website or please contact Michelle McCumesky 0161 482 6900 <http://www.st-jamescatholichighschool.org.uk>

### **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

**A.P.F. RED BOXES**—will be collected in September; if yours is full you can either empty it and save the money till collected or bring your box in to the church office.

## 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 Austin James and Harrison Daniel Flynn who are to be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and their family.

## BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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

**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)

## CARITAS

**(formerly Catholic Children's Society)**

The boxes will be emptied during the next 2 weeks. The collections taken during 2017 raised £372.47.

Thanks to all who help the Society in this way.

## CAKE & COFFEE SUNDAYS THANK YOU

'A big thank you to the people who supported the cake and coffee mornings in April and May after 9am mass. Together, you have helped me to raise £260 towards the Loreto College trip to India to where I will be working in schools and with many under privileged in Kolkata. With thanks, Anna Pullar.'