

REFLECTION

Today we hear of Jesus' baptism by John. It was a special moment – the coming of God's Spirit upon him.

The Spirit had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The Spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him – but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us – of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people whom others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be.



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YR C
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,
HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 12th January 2019
(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 13th January 2019
Mass 9am & 11am
(Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	12th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Bert Legg RIP
Sun	13th Jan		Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Parishioners Rory Gavin
Mon	14th Jan	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	15th Jan	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Finton Coffey RIP
Wed	16th Jan	Ferial	Mass 10 am	John Kelly RIP
Thu	17th Jan	St Anthony	Mass 10 am	Fr John Sergeant RIP
Fri	18th Jan	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Mary Dwan RIP
Sat	19th Jan	Ferial	Mass 12 noon Vigil mass 5.30pm	Angela Dennehy for health Ged McAndry RIP

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 : Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Saturday 19th January 2019 Vigil Mass 5.30pm and
Sunday 20th January 2019 Mass at 9am & 11am**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION 12/13TH JANUARY

The annual collection for the Retired Priests builds up the fund to help meet the needs of our sick and retired priests. Donations in envelopes can be returned next week.

PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 15TH JAN

Please come along at 7.00pm in the meeting room to have your say on parish matters.

SERRA MEETING

Serra Meeting. On Thursday, 17th January, Pauline Lloyd will give a talk on the Churches in Northern England. 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 (428 9103) early in the week, if possible, for catering purposes.

FATHER PAUL'S 65th BIRTHDAY TEA

To help Father Paul celebrate his 65th
On Saturday 19th January 2019

there will be

Mass at 12 noon followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

For catering purposes please put your name on the list in the porch if you wish to attend

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!!!!!!!

SENIOR CITIZENS ANNUAL PARTY SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY FROM 2PM



The list will be put up in the porch **NEXT WEEKEND** so make sure you put your name down or leave a note for the office Of the name and telephone number of anyone who should be contacted.

CHILDRENS NATIVITY COSTUMES

If anybody has costumes from the Children's Nativity play could they please return them to Christine or any of the Catechists as soon as possible We need them for next year.

FIRST SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN, IN YEAR 3, WHO ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

The Preparation Sessions will be starting on Wednesday 30th January 2019 for those children who are seven who wish to receive preparation from the Church to make their First Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. To register their child for the preparation classes, each weekly class will be from 6-7pm, in the church meeting room, will parents please contact the church office/Fr. Paul to give the following information: Full name of child; their age and date of birth; their Baptism date and where baptized.

PARISH DRAW NUMBERS

Thank you to those who have bought shares . We have 164 shares , which is down on last year but we have kept the first prize at £70, second prize is £12. Half the shares, £984 will be sent to Concern

The list of your numbers is on the "This Week" notice board, by the office. The numbers are listed by Surname alphabetically; please check for your number

CCRS

The next module – a choice of: *Religious Education in the classroom* or *Introduction to Liturgy*, for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies begins on **Saturday 19th January 2019** at Our Lady's, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY 10:00 – 3:30pm with the second on **Saturday 19th February 2019**. You may start the course (comprising 8 modules) at the beginning of any module – registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs . A non-certificate option is also available (no essays!) Particularly aimed at Teachers, Catechists and those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information please contact ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FREE IN THE PORCH

MISSION TODAY CALENDAR

2019 DIARIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH.

SHREWSBURY VOICE

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Youth leaders training

YOUTH LEADER'S 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 to book your place.

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 but **will not now meet until the 7th January**

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.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding it's annual appeal next weekend SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.