

REFLECTION

Put Jesus & his way of living into action today!

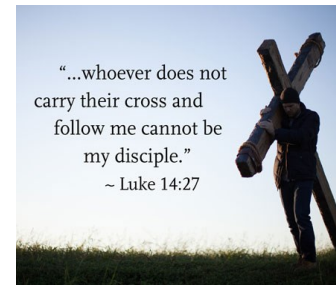


The Gospel for today can be a difficult one to understand. Jesus once again was on the road with his disciples and great crowds were following him. At one point, Jesus turned to the crowds and addressed them. He said: "If anyone comes to me who does not hate his father and mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters, and even his or her own life, he or she cannot be my disciple." Jesus then adds: "Whoever does not carry his or her cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

These are extremely strong words! Did Jesus truly mean that we are to hate our parents, brothers, sisters, children and friends? Or is Jesus telling us that if we choose to follow him we need to realize that Jesus needs to be first in our lives? Jesus is making a very clear and strong point. Our primary allegiance always needs to be to Jesus. Jesus is not saying that we cannot or should not love and care for our families and our friends. He realizes that we have committed ourselves to our families and we need to live out that commitment.

Rather, Jesus is telling his listeners what is essential. First and foremost, Jesus must be first in our lives. However, Jesus also wants us to love and care deeply for our family, our friends and for the world community. Today may we strive to love each person we encounter: the person we pass in the grocery store, a co-worker who is struggling, or an individual we simply do not like. The quality of love that Jesus hopes we will have for one another surpasses the simple notion of liking another person. Rather, Jesus hopes that we truly will love every person in our world. This may sound impossible. However, with Jesus' grace and love, we have the ability to do this.

Will we choose to do this?



"...whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."
~ Luke 14:27

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC CHURCH,
HEALD GREEN**

**Saturday 7th Sept 2019 (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 8th Sept 2019 Mass 9am & 11am
(Children's Liturgy at 11am)**

				<i>Intention</i>
Sat	7th Sept	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Agnes Moore RIP
Sun	8th Sept	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Johnm Dennison RIP Parishioners
Mon	9th Sept	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Tue	10th Sept	St Ambrose Barlow	Mass 10am	Mary Moore RIP
Wed	11th Sept	Ferial	Mass 10am	Kathleen Philbin Anniv RIP
Thu	12th Sept	Most Holy Name of Mary	Mass 10am	Paul Marciniak RIP
Fri	13th Sept	S. John Chrysostom	Mass 10am	Golden Wedding for Donal & Mary Hughes
Sat	14th Sept	Exaltation of the Hoy Cross	Mass 10 am. Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Repose of Soul of Fr. Francis Rice Get Well for Bridie Priestly

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Fr. Paul will be in the confessional on Saturdays: 5-5.20pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

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Next Week :TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
14th September Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
15th September Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 10TH

7pm in the meeting room

LADIES CLUB REOPENS THURSDAY

12TH SEPTEMBER 2PM-4PM

Pints, Pickles & Preserves David Chant

SERRA MEETING ON THURSDAY,

19TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

Sheena Field will give a talk on the "Medaille Trust". 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

Holy Name Church Oxford Road

Welcomes visitors on Heritage Open Days 13-22 September 9.30-5pm (8pm Sunday) Mass daily at 1.05pm (Saturday 11am, Sunday 9.15am, 12 noon and 7pm). Manchester's only Grade 1 listed Catholic church was built by Joseph Hansom in 1871. Memories displayed; Saturday 14th September Architect Mark Pearce will talk about church's famous "pot vault" and what the restoration project told us about climate change. Archivist Mary Allen will tell the story of how Hansom's original plans and drawings were discovered in an old vestment chest. More details here <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/the-church-of-the-holy-name-oxford-road-manchester>

FATHER PAUL'S THANK YOU

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2.30pm

Fr. Paul is still with us through September but work on the presbytery in Atherstone is progressing. We have a farewell party for him on Sunday 29th. September (they will move in the following week). Please sign up on the list in the porch (for catering purposes) if you want to be there.

If you wish to donate money as a leaving present please make any cheques out to Christ Church so we can present him with one cheque.

ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL –for every-

one. SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 10am-3.30 Aquinas College, Nangreave Rd, SK12 6TH –speaker Fr Nick King SJ
FREE ENTRY –donations welcome
Bring your bible—07504 130 749
See poster in the porch

SAINT THERESE of LISIEUX BENEDICTION

3.00PM ON SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

WITH THE VENERATION OF HER FIRST CLASS RELIC AT CARMEL MONASTERY BIRKENHEAD 12 GROSVENOR PLACE CH43 1UA. See poster in the porch.

DAY OF REFLECTION AND HEALING

for those affected by mental health issues and for their families. On 5th October, Bishop Richard Moth, who leads the ministry to those affected by mental health issues, will lead a Day of Reflection and celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1PL from 11am to 5pm. More information in September.

EMPTY FANCY BOTTLES

We are asking for 'fancy' empty bottles to make lights for the Christmas fair. Please leave in porch/office

CARMELITE MONASTERY URGENT APPEAL

To raise funds for repairs and renovations to the Monastery and Extern House following damage to the roof from recent rains. Donate on the website:-

Www.carmelbirkenhead.org.uk
Bank Details : HSBC A/C 11892487
Sort Code 40-15-04

'Go Fund Me' under 'Monastery Renovations' See poster in the porch.

APF RED BOXES

These are to be emptied during this week. Any problems ring Angela Dennehy on 428 8190

COMUNICATIONS IN THE PARISH

Here at Christ Church we are very lucky in that we have our own website:

www.christchurchhg.co.uk.

Please visit the site each week. The current news sheet is there to view. Through the website you can also access the **Live camera**. There you can watch every liturgy taking place in our church. Maybe you are too unwell to come to church, then watch the Mass on your laptop or tablet. It could be your on holiday and you can watch the Mass. We are thankful we have parishioners who are able to set up and maintain the website.

Fr. Tony coming in October.

Since Fr. Paul announced his move to Atherstone, it has also been announced that Fr. John Gordon at St. Chad's will be retiring early due to his bad health. Bishop Mark has asked Fr. Tony to take pastoral responsibility for St. Chad's as well as being Parish Priest of Christ Church. This is extra responsibility for him as he arrives here. He will need all your support, understanding and especially your prayers in the coming months. Now is the time to think how you can help in the running of your church. There is a lot to do and only the same few trying to do it. No matter how little your help is needed so please complete the form in the porch or contact the parish office. *Many hands make light work.*

NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY PARTY

IN THE PARISH HALL will be happening again so don't miss out

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSE- BOUND



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.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

If you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Christ, in Communion, to a sick or housebound relative or friend in our Parish, give your request and details to the Parish Office

RELATIVE OR FRIEND IN HOSPITAL

Advise Priest /Office or ask for the hospital chaplain to be informed.

HOLY WATER

Please note *Holy Water* is available from the stone jar on the altar steps near the Baptismal Font.



BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

There will be no more office hours on Tuesday evenings. Please wait until Fr. Tony arrives in October to arrange Baptisms or weddings. **THANK YOU.**

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH is prayed prior to 10 am

ROSARY Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

This group meet each Monday at 2pm in the Meeting Room but **NOT on Bank Holidays. and do not meet again until the 9th September.**

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498