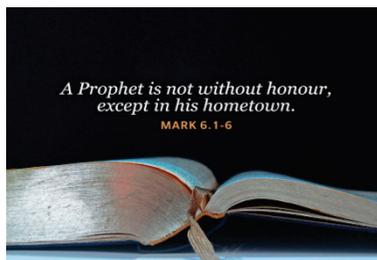


DARWIN AND THE INVISIBLE GARDENER: A lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Monday 18th February, 2019 19:00 at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Free entry: See the poster for details

Ponder Over..... *Jesus faced rejection from his own*

Rejection has a way of destroying a person's life in a way that few other things can. The sad fact is that the number of people who are affected by rejection is staggering. If we want to be all that God has created us to be, then overcoming rejection and it's affects is vital and absolutely essential. Many people who have faced rejection and abuse as a child, grow up with unresolved emotional wounds. Rejection causes emotional wounds, which if not cleansed and released, will grow and fester into spiritual wounds (such as unforgiveness, envy, blaming God, jealousy, etc.). Those spiritual wounds open us upto evil spirits which love to take advantage of this opportunity to invade us. The goal of the enemy is to get us built up with emotional baggage inside and negative feelings in our hearts against one another, ourselves, and God. Those who struggle with rejection can also become fixers; a fixer is a person who is eager to tell everybody else how they need to be doing things, but many times have little understanding or experience in such matters. Such a person attempts to be the Holy Spirit in other people's lives, where they have no authority or right to step in. They find their identity in fixing other people's problems, and they love it when people come to them for help or advise. The truth is that we were created to be loved, accepted, and appreciated. Rejection and rising above rejection is all about identity and what we base our identity upon. The key to overcoming rejection, is to solve the identity problems. Anytime we base our identity on what we think of ourselves, or what others think of us, we are virtually trusting that person with our identity. Not even ourselves are capable of truly determining who we are; only God is qualified for that job. That is why it is absolutely vital for us to understand the person that God has made in us, and who we are as new creations in Christ Jesus. We were never made to live apart from God or base our identity on things of this world. When we base our identity upon what the Word of God has to say about us, we will become virtually rejection-proof. We can become immune from the wounds of rejection as long as we are not basing our identity upon what that person thinks of us. We are not going to settle rejection issues fully until we get it down into our spirit that we are accepted, loved, and appreciated by God. Bringing our relationship with God into proper perspective is a vital step in the process of overcoming the strongholds of rejection. Tearing down the strongholds of rejection is as simple as merely receiving, with childlike faith, what God's Word has to say about our identity, who we are as a new creature in Christ, who is called to life, purpose, and meaning in Christ.



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 27th JANUARY 2019

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3)

This Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Dennis Gillin)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Michael John McCarthy): St Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Gary O'Connor)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Katie Chin)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Peter Borrer): St John Bosco

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Jean Sumnek - Intention)

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Refugees especially Children): The Presentation of the Lord - Feast

Next Sunday – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Anita Thompson & Alan Noble - Sick)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00am – 11.00am, Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY : 11.00 – 11.45am and on request

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially Margaret Manson, John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

COFFEE will be served today by Ladies Guild, next Sunday by Friends of the Holy Land

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

CHURCH HALL KEY HOLDERS – The recently installed lock on the church hall door had to be replaced. The new lock requires a code. If you haven't already got the code, please contact Kim or Simon on 6323837.

READING GROUP will meet this Wednesday 30th January at 8pm in the Parish Centre to discuss "The Rose of Tibet" by Lionel Davidson. All are welcome.

A SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING will take place in the church hall on Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm to discuss events for the year. Everyone welcome.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: The annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held next weekend. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, cheque, and Gift Aiding to the Fund. You can also donate online via Paypal where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury asks that you give as generously as you can to this very worthy cause and would also like to express his sincere gratitude for your continued support.

CEILIDH 1ST FEBRUARY 2019 ST AGNES' HALL to fundraise for the West Wirral Lourdes Group and The Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund. Tickets, which include a light supper, are £7.50 or £25.00 for a family ticket. Bring your own drinks. For tickets contact Jo Fear on 07525 356523 or jo@pandifear.co.uk

STATUES, previously at the back of the church, are now at the front. Many thanks to Winnie Marsden (for their restoration) and John Battersby (who made the plinths).

SUNDAY OFFERING 20th January: £503.23 Pax Christi £142.47

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday, 9th February, 2019. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 27th January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation.

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. Twilight training – Wednesday 30th January at Shrewsbury Cathedral 6pm – 8pm., and Saturday 9th February at St Hugh & St John, Timperely 10am – 2.30pm. To book, please e-mail youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to book your place.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY – TWO VACANCIES FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS - (Wythenshawe and Shropshire) Part-time vacancies – contact www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk (Job Vacancies) or 01516521281

A VACANCY FOR A MISSION SECRETARY for the department of New Evangelisation has arisen within the Curial Offices in Birkenhead. Salary £18,000 – £20,000 (term time only), 35 hours per week with occasional evening and weekend duties. For more information please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

CCRS. THE NEXT MODULE – The second session is on Saturday 19th February 2019. Registration forms and details are on the website at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/ccrs.

CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL CHAPLIANCY seeks to appoint an assistant chaplain. See poster for details