

VACANCIES:-

HEAD TEACHER, CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHESTER.

Details on the school website, www.christofidelis.org.uk and through the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: May 2nd 2019.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER - , Wythenshawe Catholic Academy Trust. For details see Trust's website www.wcatrust.co.uk ; Closing date Friday 26th April.

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Ponder Over..... *First reading: Is 43: 16-21, explained: Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship, today's readings challenge us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and with one another. Today's Old Testament passage comes from the part of the Book of Isaiah that celebrates the permission from Cyrus the Great (538 BC), for Israel to return to Jerusalem from its exile in Babylon. After blaming the people, through His prophet Isaiah, for the unfaithfulness that had led to their exile, the Lord God assures the Babylonian exiles that He is going to end their prophesied 70 years' exile in Babylon. By having Isaiah remind them of how God had liberated their ancestors from their slavery in Egypt eight centuries earlier, (miraculously destroying the army of the Pharaoh and providing their food and water in the desert), the Lord God assures the exiles that He has forgiven their sins. The prophet exhorted his fellow Jews to look to the past and to remember the wondrous acts of their God all through the stages of their development as a people. He tells them He will provide for their return journey from Babylon to Jerusalem, giving them food, water and protection from wild animals in the desert. The reading gives us the message that we, too, are forgiven, and we are, with His grace, walking His Way of Salvation away from our own sinfulness and toward Heaven. **Mother Teresa on the sacrament of Divine Mercy:** While Mother Teresa is certainly famous for the charity with which she poured herself out in love for Christ in the distressing disguise of lepers, AIDS victims, the dying, and the untouchables, she was likewise a great "Missionary of Mercy" in calling everyone to receive Jesus' forgiving love in the Sacrament of Confession, a Sacrament she received at least once a week. She would counsel others, "One thing is necessary for us: Confession. Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it Penance, but really it is a Sacrament of Love, a Sacrament of forgiveness. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys. Confession is a beautiful act of great love. Only in confession can we go in as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin. ... There's no need for us to despair, no need for us to commit suicide, no need for us to be discouraged, if we have understood the tenderness of God's love." She said elsewhere, very simply, "Confession is Jesus and I, and nobody else." And then she told us, "Remember this for life."*



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019 (Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 1)

This Sunday – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Private Intention (TM))

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Mary Helsby)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Sr Victoria F.C.J.)

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Families in Need); Stations of the Cross 7.00pm
(Special Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse)

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon

Next Sunday – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8.30am - Holy Mass preceded by blessing of Palms in Church (Parishioners)

10.30am - Holy Mass preceded by blessing of Palms in the Parish Centre
with a procession into the Church

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

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tues:10-11am,Thurs:6-8pm

NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently, especially Elizabeth Murhpy, Stan Orton, 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, Elis 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.

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.

COFFEE will be served today by the Saturday Club, next Sunday by Pro-Life.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – wish to thank everybody who attended the Ukelele evening. It was a great success and £552 was raised, and with a kind donation of £150, brought the total to £702. The monies will send two families on a holiday to Wales.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Monday – Wednesday: Mass 9.30am. **Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm. Watching until midnight. **Good Friday:** 10.30am Stations of the Cross for Children, 3.00pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7.30pm Stations of the Cross. **Holy Saturday:** 9.30pm Easter Vigil. **Easter Sunday:** Masses 8.30am & 10.30am.

OUR SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place on **Thursday 11th April** at 7.00pm in the church. All are welcome. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)

HOLY WEEK. Will all altar servers, readers, people for feet washing, cantors and organists who will be able to assist please give their names to Fr Thomas or Deacon John.

THE CTS BOOKSTAND at the back of church contains some new and interesting titles.

EASTER CARDS are now available at the back of church. Payment by donation should be placed in the CAFOD box provided. £270 was sent to CAFOD from the sale of Christmas cards.

SUNDAY OFFERING 31st March: £472.62

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND and our Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, lead by Bishop Mark will take place from 21-28 October this year. Both Pilgrimages will run alongside each and give a wonderful opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Lord and visit and pray at all the main sites associated with his public ministry. For the Youth Pilgrimage there will be an opportunity for our young people to meet with Palestinian Christians and learn directly from them the challenges of living and practicing their faith today. Brochures can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, Ireland, 3rd July 2019 from Bristol. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with FULL BOARD. All entertainment/ day trips and guided tours included. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or emailknockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

A NEW WIRRAL LOURDES PRILGRIMAGE will depart from Our Lady's, Birkenhead on Thursday 16th May to spend a week in Lourdes. For further details contact Group leader Tony Murphy on 07881656974 or e-mail tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

'ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY' (ACTS) Day of Recollection, Saturday 13th April 2019 at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Open to all ages, the theme will focus on 'The Divinity of Christ'. Lead by Fr Tom Cunnah, the day will start with Mass at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm. Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 /mobile 07761138947

A DAY OF REFLECTION WITH SAINT OSCAR ROMERO: Our Lady of Lourdes, Leasowe, CH46 2RR on Saturday 13TH April, 10.00am to 4.00pm lead by Deacon Tony Crisp and Fr Peter Phillips. No charge. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch

JOB VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT FROM CARITAS: To apply please visit our website: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. Contact Head Office on 0151 652 1281 or email trish.spencer@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk and a pack will be sent out to you. Closing date: Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 4pm. Interview date: Wednesday 1st May 2019