

Clergy Education and Training Fund – Special Collection: Next weekend (8/9 Nov) the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

Money Matters: Thank you for the second collections over the past few weeks: Holy Places of Palestine £110.65, SVP - £234, Peter's Pence - £122.75, World Mission Sunday - £67.16, Cafod - £165.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality next meeting will be held on Sunday 8th November 2020 at 2pm via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92566078129?> Meeting ID: 925 6607 8129 You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom, on 0330 088 5830. Please send any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 214994.

Caritas at Christmas Appeal 2020: There will be a collection here on 14th/15th November. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to those most vulnerable within the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy memories in a time of crisis.

Remembrance Sunday: The council have advised that it is not possible to hold the public events which take place at the Cenotaph, so unfortunately there will not be a live service at the Cheadle Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday this year. Arrangements will be made for wreaths to be laid at another time.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to them or contact them via the presbytery, in the strictest confidence.

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The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle
Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson



Sunday 1st November 2020 – All Saints

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy feast day of all the saints in heaven!

On Wednesday I went for a hike through Macclesfield forest and then up to the peak of Shutlingsloe. Perhaps it is my stubborn streak or maybe it is just the Irish blood in me, but I somewhat enjoy battling the wind and rain when out for a hike or climbing a mountain. It feels like a bit of an accomplishment to make it to the goal through a struggle.

Over the top of Shutlingsloe I spotted a solitary bird effortlessly riding upon the shifting winds. Then this large bird (not sure what kind) stopped in mid-air and began to hover in one spot. With only a slight movement of its powerful wings the bird managed to remain in the same spot for some time, unmoved by the raging wind and the lashing rain. It was quite the sight against the backdrop of the silver-lined rain clouds. I couldn't help but see this as an image for the Christian life.

A saint is one who remains unmoved in adversity and who has the courage to do the right thing even when buffeted by the winds of opposition. A saint is one who speaks the truth even in the face of intimidation to remain silent. A saint continues to trust in God's love in the midst of the violent storms of life. A saint refuses to sin even when everything within and without is tempting him or her to do so. A saint perseveres in love, even when love is not returned. There are many saints who have already made it home to heaven - as we affirm in this celebration today - but are there many on the earth at this time?

It is hard to say, but one thing is certain: in Baptism the Lord unleashed a cycle of grace in each of our lives sufficient to make us into saints if

only we would fully cooperate with it. It would be a tragedy to have been offered eternal greatness and drawn back from it out of fear or because of some attachment to what is not of God. As the eccentric but brilliant poet, Léon Bloy, once said, “There is only one real sadness in life: not to be a saint.” No other failure really matters in the end...

May God bless and protect you all.
Fr Sean

To Receive Holy Communion Worthily:

As the Catechism says: “After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution. Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.”(Catechism, 1457-1458).

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Richard Airey, Molly Frost, Minnie Johnson, Ernest Moore, Agnes Gordon, Thomas Bennett, Thomas Ward, Mary Tracey, Marian Hughes, Margaret Barrans, Claire Tallents, Gerry Barker, Marie Kelly, Mary Houlihan, Mary Moore, Patrick Kelly, Alice Ward, Joan Clancy, Stanley Shaw and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Mass Bookings: We are operating a booking system for Sunday Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday morning). To reserve your place, please email us Monday – Friday the week before you wish to attend. Please note you will not receive a reply unless there is a problem. You do not need to reserve a place for weekday Masses. Please note there is no booking required to attend Mass at St Ann’s.

Confessions: Available on Thursday afternoon or early evening on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 31 st	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	
		St Chad’s	7pm	In thanksgiving to Fr Sean and all Parishioners
Sun 1 st	All Saints	St Chad’s	9am	People of the Parish
		St Ann’s	11am	Fr Mike Dyson
Mon 2 nd	All Souls	St Ann’s	10am	
Tues 3 rd		St Ann’s	10am	
		St Chad’s	7.30pm	Sandra Thorne
Wed 4 th	St Charles Borromeo	No Public Mass		Evelyn Burns
Thurs 5 th		St Chad’s	9.30am	Eamonn Cusack
Fri 6 th		St Ann’s	10am	
Sat 7 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	
		St Chad’s	7pm	Bernard & Carmel Howell
Sun 8 th	32nd Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s	9am	For all victims of war.
		St Ann’s	11am	For all victims of war.

Private Prayer: Tuesday 7pm-8.15pm and Thursday 9am-10.15am.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Mass will be celebrated privately on days where there are no public Masses, for your intentions. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note we are now into December with Mass intentions.