

Money Matters: Collection baskets will be available during private prayer if you wish to leave a donation for St Chad's, the Clergy Education and Training Fund or the Caritas Christmas appeal.

Website: A big thank you to Victoria who recently uploaded our new website. She has designed it from scratch by herself and I think you will agree that she has done a fantastic job. This website will also be easier to access and maintain than the last one. Thank you also to Danielle Chadwick and Esther Knowles for taking some new photos for us. I draw your attention to the "Useful Links" page which contains among other things many short videos from Ascension Press on questions you might have about the Christian life.

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot: Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.

Gatley Food Bank – are requesting donations so they can make Christmas bags for children, eg arts and crafts, selection boxes, advent calendars, small gifts. Along with mince pies and chocolate treats for the adults. Donations can be taken to Bethany Community Church, Church Road Gatley Monday and Wednesdays 2pm-3pm and Saturdays 9.30am-12noon.

Stockport Food Bank: Reverse Advent calendar appeal. We welcome donations of a variety of long-life food items. Please no Christmas puddings or Christmas fayre containing alcohol. For details of when/where to drop your donations, please see poster on our church website for more details www.stchadsheadle.com

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.

Address: Stockport Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AF

Tel: / Email: 0161 428 2480 / **NEW EMAIL:** stchadsheadle@gmail.com

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

Sunday 22nd November 2020 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King - the last Sunday before Advent - which brings the Catholic liturgical year to an end. (And what a year it has been since last Advent!) I don't know if you have noticed but for the last three Sundays of the year the Church has given us gospel readings taken from the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. These three gospel readings are focused on the end of all things when Christ will return to judge the living and the dead. The liturgical year ends with thoughts of the end times. Each of the three gospel texts is designed to "disturb" us just a little so as to make sure that we ready ourselves to stand before the Lord. The Church teaches that there is a particular judgment of every human soul at the moment of death when one's eternal destiny is already fixed. I mentioned this individual judgment in last weekend's newsletter. Then there will be a general or universal judgment at the end of time after Christ has returned to judge the world. This will be a collective judgment which will serve as God's last word on the drama of human history and through which all things will be finally set aright. Each of us will be shown the entire ripple effect that our life has had upon others - for good or for ill - effects which continue long after our death. These effects will be clear for all to see and will bring great joy to those who have done good.

These three final gospel readings of the year teach us three different secrets about what we must do in order to be ready for judgment. The Word of God is preparing us for the final test through which we must pass to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. (Whenever we have to sit some difficult exam we are always grateful to have a few tips about what to expect. Well, in these three gospels Jesus gives us the three great tips.) On the 32nd Sunday of the year we read the gospel of the ten virgins which

reminds us of the need to keep the light of God's grace alive in our souls. It will be too late to try to return to a state of grace once we have left this world, so we must do all we can in advance. Then came the gospel of the talents on the 33rd Sunday of the year which reminds us of the obligation to use our gifts and graces to glorify God and help our neighbour. Finally, in this weekend's gospel, Christ the King gives us a glimpse of the general judgment and shows us that we will be judged also based upon how we have cared or failed to care for those in need. If we make concrete efforts to live according to these three essential teachings of Jesus - the only One who knows what the final "exam" will be based upon - the end will really be just the beginning, as we hear those glorious words from today's gospel, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed..."

May God bless and protect you all.
Fr Sean

New Parish Email: Please note that we have a new parish email address: stchadschheadle@gmail.com and this will be used from now on. The emails will be checked on a daily basis. The old email account will remain active for a few months and will be checked regularly, so don't worry if you send something there.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, although I cannot receive Holy Communion right now, I wish to unite myself to you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, and with the spirit and fervour of the saints. Amen

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Norah Bailey, Hugh Gilronan, Baby Ethan Chidgey, Edith Ward, Pauline Barker, Mike Fletcher, Elizabeth Ward, John Jeffers, Gerald Buckley, Arthur Langshaw, Lilian Crewdson, Peter Rennison, William Maher, Emma Pimm, Philomena Thomas, Paul Eckersley, Madge Eastman, Margaret Rogers, Harriet Turner, Arnold Chaisty, Ros Accardo, William Robinson, Phil Pritchard and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. *May they rest in peace.*

Mass by Phone: If you are unable to access Mass through the internet, you are able to listen to Sunday Mass from St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesborough by phone on 01642 130120. The Mass is recorded on Sunday and is repeated throughout the week.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 21 st	Vigil	7pm Livestream	People of the Parish
Sun 22 nd	Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King	9am Livestream	Larry Tierney & Neri Children
Mon 23 rd		No streamed Mass	Pat Freebody RIP
Tues 24 th	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	7.30pm Livestream	John & Vera Campbell
Wed 25 th		No streamed Mass	
Thurs 26 th		9.30am Livestream	Evelyn Burns
Fri 27 th		No streamed Mass	Colleen Zacharias
Sat 28 th	Vigil	7pm Livestream	Marie
Sun 29 th	1 st Sunday Advent Year B	9am Livestream	People of the Parish

Livestream: Watch at: www.churchservices.tv/cheadle or there is a link on our website.

Private Prayer: At St Chad's: 6.30pm – 8pm on Thursdays.
At St Ann's: 9.45am – 10.45am Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 4.45pm – 5.45pm on Saturdays, 10.45am-11.45am on Sundays

Mass Cards/Intentions: I think that in these unusual times it would be permissible to simply write my name as celebrant on Mass cards rather than have me physically sign the card. This will help us to maintain social distancing. Just let us know the intention for which the Mass must be offered in due course. Please note that we are well into the New Year with Mass intentions, with intentions in place till the end of January.

Confessions: Available on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.