

Money Matters: Thank you for your generosity for the following collections, it is very much appreciated.

1. S.V.P. Collection £287.00p. £235 of this figure was Gift Aided and will attract an additional £58.75p from H.M.R.C. The SVP are very grateful to parishioners for contributing to the collection. Thank you.
2. Clergy Education Training £250.75p.
3. December's Church Collection £1,098.09p. (Includes Gift Aid Envelopes)
4. December's Standing Orders: £1,942.70p.

White Flower Appeal 2021: The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend (9/10 January). SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks. Donations can also be made online at www.spuc.org.uk/donate.

Retired Priests' Fund – Special Collection: Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. Here you will also find an electronic version of a leaflet about the fund and this also explains how you can donate by Standing Order or Cheque and how to gift aid donations made using these methods.

Recycling Christmas Cards: The SVP Prisons group are collecting old Christmas Cards which will be recycled and used by families to send to their loved ones in prison. The cards will be given to a Vincentian charity in Manchester called Out There. Please place your cards in the bag in the entrance to church over the next few weeks. It is only the picture section that is needed. You can either remove the personal section of the card yourself, or if not, this will be removed before being reused. Thank you.

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The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle

Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson

Sunday 10th January 2021 - The Baptism of the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have recently been reading a report on poverty published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. More than a million UK households experienced destitution at some point last year. These households contained 2.4 million people, including 550,000 children. Destitution is the term used to describe poverty at a level where a person lacks some of the necessities of life. It is predicted that the number of households living in destitution will now double as a result of the measures taken by the government during the pandemic. Already before the pandemic there were countless families unable to pay for basics such as heat, electricity and enough food for their children, but these numbers are now on the rise in dramatic fashion. People often think that this kind of poverty is only experienced by those suffering from addictions or homelessness, but for four out every five people in destitution this is not the case. They are simply people who cannot find work, or whose work does not pay the bills, and who are often trapped by an accumulation of debt, along with the added sense of hopelessness which that can bring.

Who would have thought that in the UK in 2021 there would be over 1 million children living without sufficient healthy food in cold, damp houses. The effects on their health and lifelong well-being will be incalculable. At the outset of this new year let us pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment as to what He wants us to do to help them. One of the only sayings attributed to Jesus Christ but not found in the Gospels is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Sounds just like Him! There is more joy in trying to bring a smile to the face of those in need than there is in thinking merely of our own desires and troubles. As the Christmas season officially ends this Sunday, I leave you with the last line of one of my favourite Christmas hymns, *Good King Wenceslas*:

Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing, ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Thank you to all my friends at St Chad’s for your prayers, kindness and good wishes whilst I was in hospital and during my recuperation. I am very grateful for them all. It is good to be with you all again. Thank you, Evelyn.

Booking: Please note that places at our weekend Masses need to be booked in advance by email/phone, Monday-Friday of the week you wish to attend. You will not receive a reply unless there is a problem with your booking. Please remember that in order to keep everyone safe, we are on limited numbers in Church and cannot guarantee you a space if you haven’t booked (and would not like to turn anyone away). If you have booked, but can no longer attend, please let us know (even on the day) so that we can reallocate the space if needed. You do not need to book for weekday Masses.

Face Coverings: Please note that you must wear a face covering, which covers your mouth and nose whilst you are in church, unless you are exempt. Thank you.

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

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 9 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	For the Parishioners
		St Chad’s	7pm	Fr Denis Herlihey RIP
Sun 10 th	The Baptism of the Lord	St Chad’s	9am	Helen Mallon & Family
		St Ann’s	11am	Win Morrissey RIP
Mon 11 th		St Ann’s	10am	Holy Souls (AMB)
Tues 12 th	St Aelred of Rievaulx	St Ann’s	Funeral	Win Morrissey RIP (Requiem at 11am – Family Only)
		St Chad’s	7.30pm	Alfredo Sanedrin Jr RIP
Wed 13 th	St Hilary			Michael McGrath RIP
Thurs 14 th		St Chad’s	9.30am	November List RIP
Fri 15 th		St Ann’s	10am	Joseph Ruine RIP
Sat 16 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	Colin McNicholls RIP
		St Chad’s	7pm	Janie Foster RIP
Sun 17 th	2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B	St Chad’s	9am	In thanksgiving to Fr Sean & all my friends at St Chad’s from Evelyn
		St Ann’s	11am	For the Counting Team

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are now into April with Mass intentions.

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Charles Lowey, Wilfred Andrews, Margaret Appleby, Joseph Healey, John Gill, Edward Bettley, Ellen Gilmore, Ellen Newton, Joseph Woodman, Florence McGuire, Mary Ahearne, Edward Telford, Eric Chaisty, Stephen Sheeran, Elizabeth Mallalieu, Mary Hannan, Helena Duffy, Reginald Skerrett, John Grant, Edward Mulliner, Anne Burgon, Rose Jackson, William Robb, Vera Connor, Mary Brumby, Harold Helsby and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.