

Retired Priests' Fund – Special Collection: It is still possible to make your donation to the Retired Priests' Fund this week. There is a basket at the back of church or if you prefer you can make your donation online at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fun. An electronic version of a leaflet about the fund is available on our website under 'News and Information'.

Right to Life UK: A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/

Prayer for Racial Justice

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffer the help that they need and the care that they require.

May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *Amen.*

Money Matters: SPUC Collection raised £57. Thank you very much.

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 31st January 2021 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B
Day of Special Prayer for Racial Justice**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this time of pandemic many have felt a little bewildered and as though distanced from the consoling presence of the Lord. It is a rule of the spiritual life that our feelings are changeable and cannot always be depended upon to perceive the truths of the spirit. The virtue of faith - which resides in the inmost being, at a level far deeper than the emotions - assures us that God is always very near, no matter how we may be feeling. Below is a text from St. John Henry Newman which you may already know but one which always does us good to ponder. Newman went through periods of great trial, despised and defamed for decades in the press by his former confreres, he had only his trust in God left to console him. His trust was not in vain, for God did indeed have a very special mission in mind for him which would eventually lead him to sainthood itself. He was chosen to play a key role in ushering in a "second spring-time" for the Church in England.

If ever you feel yourself adrift, know that God also has some definite plan and purpose for your existence. There is some specific mission that you - and no other - are called to accomplish in this world. Each of us is a vital link in the great chain of persons who must be connected in order for God's designs to be fulfilled. With the help of these wise words from Newman let us be content with our humble station in life and freely put ourselves at the disposal of God's Providence right where we find ourselves today:

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about...

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Booking for Weekend Mass: Please ensure that you book your space to attend Mass at the weekend. Bookings are taken by email Monday-Friday of the week that you wish to attend. Please note you will not receive a reply unless there is a problem with your booking. If you book a place and are then no longer able to attend, please let us know as soon as possible, even on the day itself, so that we can reallocate the space if needed. Thank you for your cooperation, it is appreciated.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be live streamed on church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021. A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website. We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 30 th	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	The Price Family
		St Chad's	7pm	Carmel & Bernard Howell
Sun 31 st	4 th Sun of Ordinary Time Year B	St Chad's	9am	John Garvin RIP
		St Ann's	11am	Timothy Duffy RIP
Mon 1 st		St Ann's	10am	Nancy Forrow
Tues 2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord	St Ann's	10am	Bernard Sanderson
		St Chad's	7.30pm	Roy and Marian York RIP
Wed 3 rd	St Blaise	No Mass		
Thurs 4 th		St Chad's	9.30am	Dympna Ralph RIP
Fri 5 th	St Agatha	St Ann's	10am	Vincent Maher
Sat 6 th	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Eric Baker RIP
		St Chad's	7pm	John Doyle RIP
Sun 7 th	5 th Sun of Ordinary Time Year B	St Chad's	9am	People of the Parish
		St Ann's	11am	JM & family

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. If you would like a specific date, please write that on the envelope. Please note that we are now into April with Mass intentions.

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

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Thomas Naughton, Baby: Lucy Appleby, Helen Bull, Herbert Richardson, Kathleen Slack, Herbert Yarwood, Robert Noble, Matthew Feeney, Edward Fitzgerald, Gertrude Cronin, Edna Curtis, Catherine Brough, Philip Buckley, Sarah Lyons, Frances Keefe, Michael Chaisty, Olga Hranicka, Angela Gannon, Patrick Campbell, John McCann, Brenda Kelly, Nellie Murphy, Jim Goodyer and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.