

Feast of the Epiphany Wednesday 6th January: Mass will be at 7.30pm.
Places need to be booked in advance by email.

To our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times readers in the parish:- at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£22.00 or 12 Months:- £80.00.

White Flower Appeal 2021: The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend (9/10 January). SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades. 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.

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.

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

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 3rd January 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you had a beautiful Christmas and that you thoroughly enjoyed the eight-day octave of feasting and celebrating the Saviour's birth. (Don't worry, you will have the forty days of Lent to knock off the pounds you gained during those eight days!) In Catholic journals it is customary at this time of year to review some of the best Catholic books of the year. The book I personally enjoyed the most was the recently released biography of Pope Benedict, entitled *Benedict XVI, A Life, Volume I*, by Peter Seewald. I have always loved biographies and this was one that I truly couldn't leave down.

It recounts his childhood in Bavaria, the World War II years, and his family's opposition to Nazism which his father labelled, "Antichrist." It then details his vocational journey as well as the dilemma which almost turned him back from the path to priesthood as he appears to have fallen in love. After he eventually felt certain enough to go ahead with ordination he soon became the most renowned young professor of theology in Germany. This first volume concludes with an account of his role in the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's. Although he had always tried to downplay the importance of his influence on Vatican II it has become clear with the publication of this book that he was perhaps *the* pivotal player behind the scenes in a council which marked a turning-point for the entire Church. At only thirty-five years of age, he became the chief intellectual architect of the teachings and decisions of the council. It is amazing what the Lord can do through one person who consecrates his talents and gifts to the service of the Most-High. As you can gather, I highly recommend the book.

As we look forward to 2021 and the different resolutions we might wish to take, I leave you with an inspirational life-motto. It is taken from another contemporary Christian sage from Germany whose biography I also enjoyed in 2020:

That wherever you were you made it a little better. That you gave everything you could. That you loved and were loved and didn't take yourself too seriously... (Jurgen Klopp:)

A very blessed 2021 to you all!
Fr Sean

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 request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.



Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 2 nd	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Hugh Munro
		St Chad's	7pm	November List RIP
Sun 3 rd	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	St Chad's	9am	Victor S. Neri
		St Ann's	11am	Mary Greene
Mon 4 th		St Ann's	10am	John Rodgers
Tues 5 th		St Ann's	10am	Mary Lawlor
		St Chad's	7.30pm	Sandra Thorne
Wed 6 th	The Epiphany of the Lord	St Ann's	10am	Fr Vincent Tobin
		St Chad's	7.30pm	In Thanksgiving for all prayers and good wishes from Sheilagh Tynan
Thurs 7 th	St Raymond of Penyafort	St Chad's	9.30am	Sheilagh Tynan
Fri 8 th		St Ann's	10am	For Aidan Callan
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

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 March 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.