

Attention all Gift Aid Donors: The tax year 2020/21 will end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please contact Mary McPeake on 0161 432 3284 or by e-mail: m.mcpeake@btinternet.com by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year.

As an *indication* for each £1 per week that you donate through Gift Aid, you must have paid £13 per year in income tax; for each £5 per month that you donate through Gift Aid you must have paid £15 in income tax. Additionally, if you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please will you contact Mary McPeake.

Cafod Fast Day: Takes place on Friday 26th February. There are envelopes at the back of church for your donations and we will collect them over the next few weeks. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer: takes place on Friday 5th March. It is not possible to gather together for this, this year, but there are some prayer resources at the back of Church and there will be services online. Further information will be available at www.wwdp.org.uk.

Wellspring Food Collection: There is a box at the back of church for you to leave any food donations for Wellspring. In particular, they have requested Pot Noodles or similar items. Thank you.

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

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Sunday 21st February 2021 - 1st Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin our Lenten journey, you will find below part of the message which Pope Francis has published this year to remind us of the threefold penitential practices of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms-giving. By means of these three practices we make space within ourselves for the presence of God. A sincere attempt to apply these three healing remedies to the soul will lead us to a joyful renewal of the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. The pope also reminds us that this is the season in which all Catholics make a good confession, so as to have a peaceful new beginning with the Lord. Please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a time for receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. As I have mentioned before, for this crucial sacrament I am always available.

During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. Fasting, prayer and alms-giving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (alms-giving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who

comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth” (Jn1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated. By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father. May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence.

May God bless you all.
Fr. Sean

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Anne Coulson, Roseanna Broadhead, Martin Brennan, Mary Bligh, Agnes Walden, Ernest Andrew, Margaret Brennan, Cyril Lings, Helen Corrigan, William Thornton, David O’Gara, John Pierce, Agnes Baccas, William Fisher, Joan Anderson, Ronald Billington and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

SVP Prison Group: Supply clothes to the prisons through the Chaplains. They are in need of clothing, particularly jumpers/sweatshirts, joggers and T-shirts. Colours other than blue or black preferable. There is a bag at the back of church to leave your donations. Thank you.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 20 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	DRF McNicholl Family RIP
		St Chad’s	7pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Garvin family
Sun 21 st	1 st Sunday of Lent Year B	St Chad’s	9am	Dermot & Betty McNamara
		St Ann’s	11am	Barbara Depledge
Mon 22 nd	The Chair of St Peter	St Ann’s	10am	Margaret Jones RIP
Tues 23 rd	St Polycarp	St Ann’s	10am	Mavis Bellwood RIP
		St Chad’s	7.30pm	Bridie Henratty RIP
Wed 24 th		No Mass		
Thurs 25 th		St Chad’s	9.30am	Damian Byrne RIP
Fri 26 th		St Ann’s	10am	November List RIP
Sat 27 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	Irene Price RIP
		St Chad’s	7pm	Bernard Brooks RIP
Sun 28 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent Year B	St Chad’s	9am	Teresa Guerin RIP
		St Ann’s	11am	For the parishioners

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 May with Mass intentions.

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