

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer: takes place this Friday (5th March). It is not possible to gather together for this, but services are taking place online. There are some prayer resources at the back of Church and further information is 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
Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson

Sunday 28th February 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thought I might share with you a few lines from one of my favourite writers, C.S. Lewis. Although he was not Catholic - and there are a few matters of doctrine in his writings with which we would disagree – he was very good at addressing issues and struggles which are common to all Christians. Here, in one of his famous “letters to Malcolm” he speaks of how we should always be fully open with God in prayer and “unveil” to Him what is really in our hearts. If what is in our heart is good, we expose it to God so that He might bless and refine it; if it is bad, so that He might purify us of it, but there is no sense in trying to hide anything from the One who knows each of our thoughts and desires better than we know them ourselves. Doing so would only slow down the work of healing and sanctification which the Lord wants to bring about in us, not to mention the efficacy of our prayer:

*We want to know **not** how we should pray if we were perfect but how we should pray being as we now are. And if my idea of prayer as "unveiling" is accepted, we have already answered this. It is no use to ask God with factitious earnestness for A when our whole mind is in reality filled with the desire for B. We must lay before Him what is in us, not what ought to be in us. Even an intimate human friend is ill-used if we talk to him about one thing while our mind is really on another, and even a human friend will soon become aware when we are doing so. You yourself came to see me a few years ago when the great blow had fallen upon me. I tried to talk to you as if nothing were wrong. You saw through it in five minutes. Then I confessed. And you said things which made me ashamed of my attempt at concealment.*

It may well be that the desire can be laid before God only as a sin to be repented; but one of the best ways of learning this is to lay it before God. I have no doubt at all that if they are the subject of our thoughts they must be the subject of our prayers--whether in penitence or in petition or in a little of both: penitence for the excess, yet petition for the thing we desire. If one forcibly excludes them, don't they wreck all the rest of our prayers? If we lay all the cards on the table, God will help us to moderate the excesses. But the pressure of things we are trying to keep out of our mind is a hopeless distraction. As someone said, "No noise is so emphatic as one you are trying not to listen to." The ordinate frame of mind is one of the blessings we must pray for, not a fancy-dress we must put on when we pray. And perhaps, as those who do not turn to God in petty trials will have no habit or such resort to help them when the great trials come, so those who have not learned to ask Him for childish things will have less readiness to ask Him for great ones. We must not be too high-minded. I fancy we may sometimes be deterred from small prayers by a sense of our own dignity rather than of God's.

May God bless you all.
Fr. Sean

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember Sarah McGough, James Cosgrove, Charles Slater, Margaret Riley, Mary Delaney, Anne Lyons, Kathleen Kenworthy, Elizabeth Dolan, George Evans, Clare Woodbridge, James Gannon, Joseph Hughes, John Hannon, Christopher Ward, Cuthbert Mills, John Donnelly, Mary Williams, John Fallon, Kath Seddon, John McMahan, Nicholas Patchett, Thomas Whelan, Elizabeth Winterbottom, Henry Atkinson and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Cafod Fast Day (26th Feb): The basket will be available at the back of church over the next couple of weeks for you to leave your donations. Thank you very much.

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Mon 1 st	St David	St Ann's	10am	Mary Elizabeth Walker RIP
Tues 2 nd		St Ann's	10am	Win Morrissey RIP
		St Chad's	7.30pm	Anne Ainsley RIP
Wed 3 rd		No Mass		
Thurs 4 th	St Casimir	St Chad's	9.30am	Agnes & Patrick Coyle RIP
Fri 5 th		St Ann's	10am	Pat Freebody RIP
Sat 6 th	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Liz Smith RIP
		St Chad's	7pm	Nick Standing RIP
Sun 7 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent Year B	St Chad's	9am	People of the Parish
		St Ann's	11am	John Rodgers RIP

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 June with Mass intentions.

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