

Sacred Heart Fathers (Stockport) Housekeeper required at St John's, 266 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 2QR. Duties will include shopping for the Religious Community, cooking, cleaning and hospitality. For further information and application details please go to St John Of God Hospitaller Society at: <https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/sjog/vms/e/careers/candidates/applications> **Closing date is 13/02/21.**

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.

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/

Money Matters: In January we received £825.40p in the collection and £1862.70p in Standing Orders. We also received £175.00p for the Retired Priests fund. 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 7th February 2021 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Thursday, 11th of February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we also celebrate the World Day of the Sick 2021. Bishop Mark has encouraged us all to read the message of Pope Francis for the occasion. Here are a few key excerpts to get you started:

The theme of this day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticises the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (cf. Mt23:1-12). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. Jesus' criticism of those who "preach but do not practise" is helpful always and everywhere, since none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy. Before the needs of our brothers and sisters, Jesus asks us to respond in a way completely contrary to such hypocrisy. He asks us to stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them.

Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith. The biblical figure of Job is emblematic in this regard. Job's wife and friends do not accompany him in his misfortune; instead, they blame him and only aggravate his solitude and distress. Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet for all his extreme frailty, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others. He cries out to God so insistently that God finally answers him and allows him to glimpse a new horizon. He confirms that Job's suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less as sign of God's indifference.

Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned. To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th February. Due to the limited spaces we will be taking bookings for this Mass. You can book your space from Monday 8th February. There will also be a morning Mass at St Ann's at 10am for which you do not need to book.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to cast upon me a look of mercy.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain for us, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Mon 8 th		St Ann's	10am	Rev Edward Lohan RIP
Tues 9 th		St Ann's	10am	Des Saddington RIP
		St Chad's	7.30pm	Kathleen Buckley RIP
Wed 10 th	St Scholastica	No Mass		
Thurs 11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Chad's	9.30am	Bernard Brooks RIP
Fri 12 th		St Ann's	10am	Dr Ciara McMahon RIP
Sat 13 th	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Lilly & Frank Murphy RIP
		St Chad's	7pm	Kathleen Maxwell RIP
Sun 14 th	6 th Sun of Ordinary Time Year B	St Chad's	9am	Anne Ainsley RIP
		St Ann's	11am	David & Grace Potter 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 May with Mass intentions.

Confessions: Available 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 Alice Hartley, Elizabeth Jeffers, Gladys Welsh, Margaret Smithey, Thomas Roberts, Emily Burgess, Giuseppe Agostini, Genevieve Whitehouse, James Deignan, Mary Littler, Ronald Smith, John Milne, Christopher Strahand, Trevor Dell, James Lukeman, Thomas Foley, Jack Vowles, Philip Griffin, Agnes Walsh, James Green, Christine Matthews and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.