

Entrance Hymn:

- 1) All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2) The Lord ye know is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3) O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto, praise, laud and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

Recessional Hymn:

- 1) Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices. Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2) All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one Eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Wellspring: Next weekend (31 July / 1st Aug) We will have our monthly collection for The Wellspring. The items which they are particularly needing at the moment are as follows:- tinned meats (e.g, corned beef and ham) and tins of salmon and tuna - all for making sandwiches, tinned curries and chillies, long life milk, small bottles and cartons of soft drinks and water and tins of carrots, peas and potatoes. Thank you.

Salford Diocese: Two job vacancies 1) PA/Senior Administrator – COO Office, 2) PA to the Vicars General and the Secretary to the Trustees. Further details available on <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

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 18th July 2021 – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we honour and pray for all of our grandparents and the elderly. What a gift they are to us! For those of you who are grandparents, here is a book recommendation to help you in your crucial role in the lives of your loved ones: *Being A Grandparent*, by Dr Ray Guarendi. (The same author – a well-known Catholic psychologist in the US – also has books to help parents in their role, as well as books to help us all to be healthy, happy and holy.)

Those of you who come to Mass during the week will know that of late we have been immersed in a meditation of the Book of Exodus. The book revolves around the great figure of Moses, the lawgiver and liberator of Israel. Every year, as we meditate on these ancient biblical stories, I never fail to be struck by something new. This year, I couldn't help but notice the timeline of the life of Moses. Born in Egypt and raised amidst the luxuries of Pharaoh's house, he had led a privileged existence as a young man. However, after slaying an Egyptian in defence of a Hebrew victim of oppression, he had to flee the country for fear of his life at about the age of forty. He spent the next forty years living in the wilderness of Sinai looking after sheep. From riches to rags! Only after this prolonged period of humble labour did he finally receive his calling from the Lord. Perhaps he needed the time and the humiliation of it all in order to become humble enough for such an exalted mission. And we are told that there was nobody on earth humbler than he by the end of it all. (Numbers 12:3) What struck me this year was the fact that after forty years tending sheep - and now at the age of 80 - he must have surely been thinking that he would end his quiet days in the wilderness with his flock. The Lord, however, had other plans and called him out of hiddenness to become the heroic shepherd of all Israel.

This reminds me of the story of Father Pietro Morrone in the 13th century, an 85 year-old hermit of mystical tendencies, who warned the dithering cardinals that if they didn't hurry up and elect a pope for the good of the Church, they would undergo a severe chastisement. So, the cardinals replied, "Alright then, we choose you as the next pope..." The poor old man of prayer - not even a cardinal himself when elected - must have had a tough old time as pope and renounced the papacy after five months in office. (The next pope to do likewise would be Pope Benedict XVI over 700 years later.) So, if you also happen to find yourself in the octogenarian age bracket and thought that you were certain of a nice quiet uneventful retirement, be careful, the Lord might have other plans. For some, life begins at 80!

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality - Virtual Walk to Lourdes: Walk 5, Pray 5, Donate 5. There is still time to join in. Walk the 1207km from Shrewsbury Cathedral to Lourdes to help us get there by 30 July. **Walk5**– Walk 5km, alone or with friends and family. To log your walk email events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. **Pray5**– Pray for 5 mins or take part in our 5 min reflection <https://youtu.be/FQsetMHJn5c> **Donate5** Donate £5 here <https://app.investmycommunity.com/ShrewsburyLourdesHospitality>

***Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember Diane Huckvale, Charles Mills, Mary Heron, Len Childs, Annie Lally, Joseph Tomlinson, John Schofield, Winnie Turner, John Fanning, Elizabeth Jennings, Winifred Murtagh, Teresa Harrington, Mary Russell, Mary Walsh, James Meaney, Gloria Lewis, John McKenna, Christopher Wood, Thomas Giblin, Gerard Lambe and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

Confirmation: will take place on Friday 3rd December 7pm at Our Lady's Shaw Heath. Confirmation is open to those in Year 9 and above and the programme will be run jointly with St Ann's. The meetings will take place on Friday evenings, with the first meeting on Friday 3rd September, remaining dates to be confirmed. If you would like to join this year's confirmation programme or would like more information, please email us stchadsheadle@gmail.com.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 24 th		St Ann's	5pm	Brian & Annette Cunningham
		St Chad's	7pm	Christine Kelly RIP
Sun 25 th	17 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's	9am	Sheilagh Tynan RIP
		St Ann's	11am	For Grandparents & the Elderly
Mon 26 th	Ss Joachim and Ann	St Ann's	10am	Felipe Mendes
Tues 27 th		St Ann's	10am	Helen Esser RIP
		St Chad's	6.30pm	Catherine Coffey RIP
Wed 28 th		No Mass		
Thurs 29 th	St Martha	St Chad's	9.30am	Cathal Clooney RIP
Fri 30 th	St Peter Chrysologus	St Ann's	10am	Joe O'Reilly
Sat 31 st		St Ann's	5pm	Michael & Jean Taggart RIP
		St Chad's	7pm	People of the Parish
Sun 1 st	18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's	9am	Peter Danson RIP & Family
		St Ann's	11am	Rosetta

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 December with Mass intentions.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses.