

**Sheilagh Tynan Funeral Arrangements:** Sheilagh will be welcomed into Church on Monday 5th July at 7pm. A requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 6th July at 10am. Please note, attendance at the services is by invite only. Both services will be available to watch on the live-stream. The family kindly ask for donations in lieu of flowers to: St Chad's SVP so that Sheilagh's work in the local community may continue. If you wish to make a donation you can do so by bank transfer as follows: Account name: F180703 SVP St Chad – Cheadle, Sort Code: 60-60-04 Account number: 46078142. Please put your name as a reference when making a donation.

**Money Matters:** During June, we received £796.30p in the collection and £1850.00p in standing orders. We also raised £104.70p for the Day for Life Collection. Thank you very much. This weekend (3/4<sup>th</sup> July) we have the collection for Peter's Pence. Next weekend 10/11<sup>th</sup> there will be a second collection for Sea Sunday.

**Right to Life:** The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/)

**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.

Please note that Church is monitored by CCTV Cameras 24/7 and by Live streaming Cameras during services.

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**Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson**



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank you all wholeheartedly for the way in which you celebrated the tenth anniversary of my priestly ordination with me last weekend. I really had no idea that you were discussing it and that you were organising a collection. I'm still baffled as to how you managed to do it all without me suspecting a thing. To be honest, I hadn't really mentioned it to anyone, and I was thinking that with the Covid restrictions still in place, it would pass by quite discreetly. Also, at ten years, I still feel like I'm only getting started; and these past ten years have passed by so unbelievably quickly that I don't really feel that ten years of perseverance is all that praiseworthy. Pope Benedict XVI, on the other hand, celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday, which puts my own little contribution to the priestly ministry into perspective! Let's continue to pray for him and for all the priests whose ministry has blessed us throughout the course of our lives. Let's pray in a special way for Father John Gordon who is enjoying some peaceful rest after all his many years of priestly service for this parish and for the whole diocese.

Speaking of prayer, Pope Francis made a strong appeal for prayer for himself and his ministry last weekend. He said: *“As the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul approaches, I ask you to pray for the Pope. Pray in a special way. The Pope needs your prayers. Thank you, I know you will.”* Some in the Catholic media have picked up on a couple of statements of late which seem to suggest that the pope is feeling the weight of his ministry for the universal Church. I can't image how complicated - and also how tiring for a man of his age - his mission must be. Here is how his request for prayer was reported by one Catholic journalist: *“Every Sunday, the pontiff has the habit of entrusting himself to the faithful, ending his traditional address by asking Christians not to “forget” to pray for him. However, the pontiff's request was this time more solemn and he made it before his other appeals. Earlier this month, in a video*

*message to a group dedicated to the work for Christian unity, the Holy Father made his customary appeal that we pray for him, but he added, “because this work is not easy at all!”*

Let’s say a little extra prayer for the pope at this time. Once again, thank you for the gifts and cards and for all your kind words of support. I think my microphone didn’t work at the end of Mass on Sunday morning. So, for the benefit of those who were watching from home, the parish gave me a beautiful picture of one of my favourite places for a hike: the area around Padley Gorge in the Derbyshire Dales. The picture takes in the huge rocks at the summit of Surprise View Peak and I pointed out that if ever you happen to be looking for me on a Wednesday you would be likely to find me on those exact rocks. I also pointed out that the magnificent hymn sung by the choir for Holy Communion had actually been written for the occasion by Victoria. It is now available on our SoundCloud page. With a feeling of great gratitude, I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that you are all in my heart and in my prayers each morning before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

May God bless you all.  
Fr Sean

***The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for July:*** Universal intention - Social friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

***Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember Edith O’Neill, Mary Bell, Joseph Gavan, Mary Leonard, Patricia Crompton, John Davis, Gabrielle Midgley, Margaret Miller, Catherine Conroy, Margaret Norton, John Gilligan, Sharon O’Gara, Brenda Hadfield, Margaret Harrington, Mary Flint, Christopher Harrison, Kathleen Mullen, Irene Ellis, Eileen Sweeney, Trevor Rayson, Alice Smith, Stella Molloy and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.***

### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Thomas Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	Special Intention (AMB)
		<b>St Chad’s</b>	7pm	Vera Kelly RIP
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad’s</b>	9am	Peter Danson RIP
		St Ann’s	11am	Bernadette Kraaijeveld RIP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria	St Ann’s	10am	For the sick
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Maria Goretti	St Ann’s	10am	For those who care for the sick
		<b>St Chad’s</b>	6.30pm	Margaret Flaherty RIP
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>St Chad’s</b>	9.30am	Sean Madigan RIP
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine Zhao Rong	St Ann’s	10am	November List
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann’s	5pm	Bridie & Martin Frain RIP
		<b>St Chad’s</b>	7pm	Bernard Brooks RIP
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad’s</b>	9am	John Thompson RIP
		St Ann’s	11am	Pat Lynch RIP

**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.