

Hymn Numbers: 535 (verses 1, 2 &3), 630 and 288 (verses 1 & 2)

***Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember: Florence Lees, Florence Bentley, Dorothy Pickles, Alan Martin, Barbara Andrew, John Forrest, Philip Skelly, Ada Scott, Maurice Moores, Maureen Wilkinson, Mick Kelly, John Dolan, John Redmond, James O’Gara, Elizabeth McVeigh, Beatrice Griffin, Winifred Gerighty, Catherine Smith, Catherine Brookes, Terry Broadhurst, Frances Kingsley, Constance Allen, Fr. Danny those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

Christmas Tree and Flowers: If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Flowers, then please put your donation in an envelope marked ‘Christmas Flowers’ and place in the collection box. Thank you.

Piety Stall: There are now Christmas cards available on the piety stall in the Hall foyer, along with cards for other occasions, books of children’s bible stories and rosary beads. All items are priced and there is a box on the wall for your money.

Knit and Knatter: The knitters will be selling knitted Christmas Decorations for £1 and knitted chocolate orange covers (including chocolate orange) for £2.50. Cash only. Raising funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Christmas Raffle: Your last chance to buy raffle tickets will be on 18th/19th December. This is in aid of Parish Funds. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 19th December after the 9am Mass. If you have offered to donate a prize, please bring them in and leave them in the cupboard at the back of church. Thank you.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Last week raised £51 for Corner Stones. This Thursday (16th December) will be in aid of the Leprosy Mission.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) This weekend (December 11th/12th) there will be a collection for the SVP. If you wish to make an offering, please use one of the SVP envelopes and put it into the normal collection boxes. If you do not pay sufficient UK income tax, please do not fill in the gift-aid slip.

Money Matters: In November we received £678.82 in the collection and £1967.70p in standing orders. We also collected £121.81 for the Clergy Education and Training fund collection. Thank you very much.

Book Club: We will take a break over Christmas and there will not be a meeting in January. We will announce the next book at the beginning of January and will then meet on the 10th February.

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 12th December 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The word Advent comes from the Latin word for “coming.” In Advent, we prepare our hearts to relive Christ’s first coming to us in Bethlehem. We also confess our sins and amend our lives, so as to make sure that we are ready for His second coming to judge the living and the dead one day. In the first coming He came in gentleness and silence. He came that we might find forgiveness for our sins and be restored to intimacy with God. In the second coming, He will come with power and majesty, and He will reveal how each soul responded to the gifts of grace He brought us in His first coming. What have we done with that treasure of grace He bequeathed to His Church?

During the season of Advent, we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way. When Christ first came into the world, Our Lady’s role was indispensable. Before St Joseph was let in on the secret, Mary was the only one who knew about Christ’s conception by the power of the Holy Spirit. During that nine month “advent” when she carried Him in her womb, she surrounded Him with love at every moment. In the name of all humanity, she gave the Son of God the welcome He deserved. During Advent we have some great Marian feast days. Last Wednesday, we celebrated her Immaculate Conception, renewing our faith in the fact that she was conceived without sin and full of grace, so as to be a worthy mother of the Lord. On Thursday we remembered St Juan Diego, the visionary who saw her in Guadalupe. Then on Friday we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Loreto, during which we pondered the hidden life of Mary with Jesus and Joseph in the humble home of Nazareth. The Litany of Loreto gives Mary the lovely titles of Refuge of Sinners, Mother of Hope, Mystical Rose, Ark of the Covenant... Pope Francis recently added the title of “Solace of Migrants” to that litany of praise and petition. We entrust to her prayers all those who leave their homelands in search of a better life, sometimes facing great perils along the way. Let us also entrust to her prayers each day our parish and all of our loved ones. I conclude with the last couple of verses of a nice hymn that I used for vespers on the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

*Hail, Mother most pure, hail, Virgin renowned,
Hail, Queen with the stars as a diadem crowned;
Above all the angels in glory untold,
Set next to the King in a vesture of gold.*

*These praises and prayers we lay at thy feet,
O Virgin of virgins, O Mary most sweet:
Be thou our true guide through this pilgrimage here,
And stand by our side when our death draweth near.*

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Parish Forum: We will hold a Parish Forum Meeting this Monday, 13th December, at 7pm in the Church Hall. This meeting will provide feedback from the Synod questionnaire and will also give an update on Parish matters. If you would like to attend, please email us to book your space.

Christmas Services:
Please note that our Mass on Friday 24th December at 8pm is now fully booked. There are still spaces available on Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) at 9am and on Sunday 26th December: 9am Feast of the Holy Family. Please email to book your space.

Advent Prayer and Reconciliation service: 7pm-8pm on Friday 17th December. A time of prayer, reflection and music during which Fr Sean will be available to hear confession.

Diaries: St Chad’s Diaries are now at the back of church, please take one.

Christmas Cards: The SVP Prisons group were very grateful for for all the cards we collected last year. The from St Chad’s were refashioned in 7 schools and will be taken to the Chaplains at HMP Berwyn (Wrexham) which houses 1800 men so that they have something to give to their families. We will be having a collection once again so after Christmas we will set up a box so you can bring in your used cards. Thank you

The Wellspring: Owing to the way Christmas falls this year, the monthly Wellspring collection will be one weekend early and will be next weekend (December 18th/19th). The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are jars of curry sauce, milk, eggs, cheese, tins of ham, multipack bags of crisps and multipack chocolate bars. Thank you.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 11 th		St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 7pm	Paddy Bergin RIP Julie Malone RIP
Sun 12 th	3 rd Sunday Advent Year C	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9am 11am	Anthony Feely RIP For the parishioners of St Ann’s and St Chad’s
Mon 13 th	St Lucy	St Ann’s	10am	Stella & Bruce Reid RIP
Tues 14 th	St John of the Cross	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Special Intention for S, P & J John Keegan RIP
Wed 15 th		No Mass		
Thurs 16 th		St Chad’s	9.30am	Sheilagh Tynan RIP
Fri 17 th		St Ann’s	10am	John Whelan RIP
Sat 18 th		St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 7pm	Jim Foley RIP For the parishioners of St Chad’s and St Ann’s
Sun 19 th	4 th Sunday Advent Year C	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9am 11am	Elizabeth Taylor RIP Kevin Hayward RIP

Change to Mass Times: Please note that from Saturday 1st January, our weekend Mass Times will be as follows: Saturday evenings at 6.30pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am.

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 well into the New Year with Mass Intentions. Thank you.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Sunday and Tuesday Masses and from 9am-6pm on Thursday.

Confessions: Available 5.30pm – 6.15pm on Tuesday evenings in the sacristy. Available at other times on request by phoning the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 9am-6pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. You are welcome to come along at any time during the day.