

**Hymns: 80, 630, 771**

**Children's Liturgy:** Please note that Children's Liturgy will take a break for two and will resume on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Currently, due to a lack of volunteers, we can only run Children's Liturgy during term-time. If you are able to volunteer to help us with this group, please get in touch.

**Book Club:** The next book is 'The Hiding Place' by Corrie Ten Boom. We will meet on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm-8pm in the Church Hall to discuss. All welcome.

**Refreshments:** Please join for refreshments after the 9.30am Sunday Mass in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**Piety Stall:** We have some new stock on the Piety Stall which is in the hall entrance. Please have a look. All items are priced as marked. There is a box of the wall for any monies. Thank you.

**CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge:** There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to [www.cafod.org.uk/walk](http://www.cafod.org.uk/walk)

**Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage:** Join the Youth Pilgrimage on the Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August. For those aged 16-22. Cost is £570 (with additional insurance at £33). For more information and an application form email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Money Matters:** In January, we received £891.51 in the collection and a further £1837.70 in standing orders. We collected £225.60 for the Retired Priests Fund and £109.85 for the SPUC. Thank you very much.

**Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Philip Griffin, Agnes Walsh, James Green, Christine Matthews, Elizabeth Ward, Catherine Yielding, Matthew Humphries, Raymond Strong, Yvette Telford, James Hall, Mary Tiernan Brennan, Kathleen Maxwell, Ellen Reid, Violet McDonough, Gladys Harrison, Margaret Lea, Andrew McBride, Cornelius Curry, Bill Kennedy, Bernard Coulson, David Thompson, Peter Wragg, Betty Piggott, George Bingham, Catherine Lynch, Anne Turner, Francis Dunne and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue to read this week Pope Francis' words to married couples:

*I would now like to reflect on some of the difficulties and opportunities that families have experienced during the current pandemic. For instance, the lock-down has meant that there was more time to be together, and this proved a unique opportunity for strengthening communication within families. Naturally, this demands a particular exercise of patience. It is not easy to be together all day long, when everyone has to work, study, recreate and rest in the same house. Think about the advice I gave you on the importance of those three little words: "please, thanks, sorry". After every argument, "don't let the day end without making peace". Don't be ashamed to kneel together before Jesus in the Eucharist, in order to find a few moments of peace and to look at each other with tenderness and goodness. You might also recite together a brief prayer each evening before going to bed, with Jesus at your side.*

*For some couples, the enforced living conditions during the quarantine were particularly difficult. Pre-existing problems were aggravated, creating conflicts that in some cases became almost unbearable. Many even experienced the breakup of a relationship that had to deal with a crisis that they found hard or impossible to manage. The breakdown of a marriage causes immense suffering. Children end up having to suffer the pain of seeing their parents no longer together. Keep seeking help, then, so that you can overcome conflicts and prevent even more hurt for you and your children. The Lord Jesus, in his infinite mercy, will inspire you to carry on amid your many difficulties and sorrows. Keep praying for his help, and seek in him a refuge and a light for the journey. Remember also that forgiveness heals every wound. It is a gift born of the grace poured out by Christ upon married couples whenever they turn to him and allow him to act. Our human love is weak; it needs the strength of Jesus' faithful love. With him, you can truly build your "house on rock" (Mt 7:24).*

*Before concluding, I would like to greet grandparents, who during the lock-down were unable to see or spend time with their grandchildren, and all those elderly*

persons who felt isolated and alone during those months. Families greatly need grandparents, for they are humanity's living memory, a memory that "can help to build a more humane and welcoming world". May Our Lady help you to foster in your married lives the culture of encounter that we so urgently need in order to face today's problems and troubles. No amount of difficulty can take away the joy of those who know that they are walking with the Lord ever at their side. Live out your vocation with enthusiasm. Never allow your faces to grow sad or gloomy; your husband or wife needs your smile. Your children need your looks of encouragement. Your priests and other families need your presence and your joy: the joy that comes from the Lord!

May God bless you all.  
Fr Sean

**Racial Justice Sunday 2022:** Today is a special day of prayer for Racial Justice. The theme this year is: "In the Image and Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The Bishops encourage us to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti: *Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP):** Next weekend (Feb. 19th/20th) 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 box. If you do not pay sufficient UK income tax, please do not fill in the gift-aid slip. Thank you.  
**The Catholic Church Music of William Byrd (c1543-1623) – A Workshop for singers.** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10.30am-4pm at St Augustine's RC Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. This workshop will focus on the life and works of Byrd and how he was able to function as a Catholic musician in Protestant England during Penal times. For details see:  
[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/william-byrd-workshop](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/william-byrd-workshop) or please contact Dr Rosemarie Darby [stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk) or 07798858900.

**FOOTSTEPS Event:** The next talk will be on Thurs 3 March, at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove. Canon John Rafferty will be reflecting on "Lent, a time of self discovery and catching a hint of God". We look forward to welcoming everyone to this informal, friendly occasion. Come and follow our Footsteps.

## Mass Times & Intentions

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| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>  | St Ann's<br><b>St Chad's</b> | 5pm<br><b>6.30pm</b>  | DRF McNicholl Family<br><b>Sr Catherine Joy RIP</b>                               |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup><br><i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C</i> | <b>St Chad's</b><br>St Ann's | <b>9.30am</b><br>11am | <b>For the parishioners of St Chad's &amp; St Ann's</b><br>Holly Rose Clayton RIP |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup><br><i>Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>     | St Ann's                     | 10am                  | Special Intention   |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>                                       | St Ann's<br><b>St Chad's</b> | 10am<br><b>6.30pm</b> | Marie Baker<br><b>Chris Egan RIP</b>  |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>NO MASS</b>               |                       |   |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>                                      | <b>St Chad's</b>             | <b>9.30am</b>         | <b>Sylvie Finley RIP</b>  |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>  | St Ann's                     | 10am                  | George Thompson RIP & Bernie Goudy and for both families                          |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>  | St Ann's<br><b>St Chad's</b> | 5pm<br><b>6.30pm</b>  | For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's<br><b>Kathleen Maxwell RIP</b>       |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup><br><i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C</i> | <b>St Chad's</b><br>St Ann's | <b>9.30am</b><br>11am | <b>Frank O'Gorman RIP</b><br>Patricia Horne RIP                                   |

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Will take before Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays and from 9am-6pm on Thursday.

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

**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 up to June with Mass Intentions. If you do require a specific date, please give as much notice as possible.

**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.

**World Day of Prayer:** will take place at 11am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's Cheadle. All welcome.

**Thursday Coffee Morning:** raised £47 for Life. Join us after Thursday morning Mass.