

Hymns: Saturday – 71, 313, 540, 304 Sunday – 71, 324, 487, 38, 304

Children's Liturgy: 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. Thank you.

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.

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team: As mentioned when Sandy came to talk to use, we are planning a Family Day and a Holiday club to take part across both St Chad's and St Ann's. Please save the dates: Saturday 30th April for the Family Day and 6th - 10th June for the Holiday Club. Full details will be shared soon. If you would like to help organise the family day, please email us.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage: Join the Youth Pilgrimage on the Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27th July - 5th 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.

Wellspring: this weekend (26/27) we will have our monthly collection for Wellspring. The items that they are most in need of are: tinned veg and meat, pasta, rice, pot noodles, mug shots, dried foods, bread, vegetables, fruit and snack foods. Please leave any donations in the boxes at the back of church. Thank you.

Bistro San Jose is now up and running at St Joseph's, Stockport. It's on every Saturday from 10am – 1pm. All welcome for a feast of fine food, faith and warm fellowship.

300 Club: February winners of £20 each are: 20 – Max Riebold, 92 – Ann Lloyd, 63 – Volliana Burjan.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Sarah McGough, James Cosgrove, Charles Slater, Margaret Riley, Mary Delaney, Anne Lyons, Kathleen Kenworthy, Elizabeth Dolan, George Evans, Clare Woodbridge, James Gannon, Joseph Hughes, John Hannon, Christopher Ward, Cuthbert Mills, John Donnelly, Mary Williams, John Fallon, Kath Seddon, John McMahon, Nicholas Patchett, Thomas Whelan, Elizabeth Winterbottom, Henry Atkinson all those who 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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Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson



Sunday 27th February 2022 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am sure that you have been watching with dismay the news about Russian aggression against Ukraine. The ease with which those in power make decisions which will lead to bloodshed, tears, and death never ceases to amaze me. They treat real human lives like mere pawns on a chessboard. The same news programme that I watched on Tuesday morning about this tragedy also showed young people dancing on the streets of Bogotá, as legal restrictions on abortion were removed in Colombia. It is no surprise if wars erupt in a world in which such blindness to the dignity of human life is now the norm. If the so-called “right” to take an innocent life causes people to dance for joy, then respect for human life in general is in danger. Mother Teresa once taught that there can never be lasting peace in a world in which our unborn brothers and sisters are subject to such brutal but hidden violence. If hearts have become so hardened that they celebrate precious human life being discarded like rubbish in abortion clinics every day, then the sense of the sacredness of every life will soon fade away.

In an interview during his trip to Slovakia, Pope Francis was asked about the problem of abortion and he said: *“Abortion is more than a problem. (...) Abortion is homicide. Whoever has an abortion kills. Pick up any biology book for medical school students. By week three of conception, long before the mother realizes it, all the organs are already there, all of them, also the DNA. It's not just a person, it's a human life. Period. This principle is so clear. To those who don't understand it, I would ask two questions: “Is it right to kill a human life to solve a problem?” Scientifically, it's a human life. Second question: “Is it fair to hire a hitman to solve a problem?” This is why the Church is so hard on this subject. Because if she accepts this, it is as if she accepts daily homicide...”* The pope's words are strong, but he would certainly also want to assure those who have sinned against life that God always forgives one who repents.

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world, a peace built upon respect for every single human life from the moment of conception. Let us pray for the conversion of those in power in Russia, (something to which Our Lady mysteriously referred when she appeared at Fatima). Interestingly, Russia was the first country to fully legalise abortion in 1920 under Vladimir Lenin and it now

has the highest abortion rate per capita of any country in the world (480 abortions per 1000 live births). Mother Teresa’s words come to mind once again: “*If we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? (...) Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants.*”

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion: every Friday from 7pm-8.30pm starting on Friday 11th March (and then 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April). We will meet in church to pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by a short video and discussion in the hall. All welcome.

Book Club: Will meet this Thursday 3rd March to discuss the latest book: The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom.

The Knit and Knatters are currently busy knitting for their Easter project and are in need of filled chocolate eggs (eg crème eggs, caramel eggs). If you would like to donate some eggs, please can you leave them in the cupboard at the back of church. The items will be sold at Church in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

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.

Lenten Reflections: Paul’s People Wednesdays 12 – 12.30pm across the Churches of Cheadle and Gatley. **March:** 2nd – St Cuthbert’s; 9th – St James’s; 16th Trinity; 23rd Gatley URC; 30th Bethany; **April** 6th – St Chad’s; 13th – St Mary’s. Tea and Coffee will be available after each service, but please note it won’t include lunch this year.

World Day of Prayer: will take place at 11am on Friday 4th March in St Mary’s Cheadle (next to the White Hart), followed by a Soup Lunch costing £3 per head in The Upper Room (above Tesco in Cheadle). All welcome.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022: We are delighted to be able to return to Lourdes after an absence of two years. The Pilgrimage is from 29 July-4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August by coach. Overland prices start at £440 and by air at £710. For brochures and booking forms please visit the pilgrimage website at www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or contact the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4UX.

Coffee Morning: This week raised £42.50 for the SVP. Join us on Thursday after Mass.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 26 th	St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 6.30pm	Sarah Lees RIP For the parishioners of St Chad & St Ann
Sun 27 th <i>8th Sunday Year C</i>	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Philip Clarke RIP Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Nixon Family.
Mon 28 th	St Ann’s	10am	For Fr Chris
Tues 1 st <i>St David</i>	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Requiem for Cyril Cook RIP Anne Nicholson
Wed 2 nd <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Leo Fay RIP Bernadette Perry RIP
Thurs 3 rd	St Chad’s	9.30am	John Garvin RIP
Fri 4 th <i>St Casimir</i>	St Ann’s	10am	Requiem for Madge Cunningham RIP
Sat 5 th	St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 6.30pm	Josephine Sims RIP Marie Trevana
Sun 6 th <i>1st Lent Year C</i>	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Jane O’Halloran RIP For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad.

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 July with Mass Intentions.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – will be on Friday 11th March. Envelopes for your offering are available at the back of Church.

Ladies Group: are going to Turquoise Bramhall for a meal at 6.30pm on Monday 7th March. Please see Trish Whalley if you would like to go.