

Hymns: Saturday: 71, 415, 291, 395
Sunday: 71, 415, 343, 395

Thursday Coffee Morning: This week raised for £247.00 for Ukraine. If anyone would like to contribute to this collection, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Ukraine' and add it to the usual collection. Thank you.

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

Piety Stall: is in the hall entrance. We now have a selection of Easter cards available, as well as the usual items. 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.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Last Friday (11th) was Family Fast Day. Please leave your envelopes with your offering in the collection box.

***Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Jean Magrath, Peter Danson, Ronald Pearson, Mary Duffy, John Corcoran, John McNicholas, Elizabeth Cragg, Canon Joseph Howe, Mary Carroll, Leslie Furness, Bernard Walmsley, May Conroy, William Newton, Thomas Turner, Patricia Walsh, Kate Alcock, Christine O'Brien, Kenneth Thorpe, John Dean, Margaret Lobb, Alice Weaver, Anna McNight 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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Sunday 13th March - 2nd Sunday in Lent Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we continue to pray for the Ukrainian people in their darkest hour, I share with you the testimony of Sister Karolina, a Franciscan sister enduring the onslaught in the town of Zhytomyr. Whenever it seems like her convent might be bombed, she runs to bring the Blessed Sacrament to a safe place and there she prays. As we pray our daily rosary, let us intercede for Sr Karolina and all those suffering a similar fate at this time.

On February 24 at 5 a.m. we were awakened by a huge bang and the noise of airplanes. We got up in shock. We realized that something terrible had happened. We went to church, and there everyone was already saying that there was a war, that Russia had invaded us. So, we started praying. We run a day care centre for blind children here. First thing in the morning we called everyone and told them not to bring their children. These children have been heading for the countryside with their families, because it is safer there. But we stayed in the city to be with people, to support and accompany them. When the sirens go off, we run for the Lord Jesus. Everyone has to run to the shelter as quickly as possible. We take the Blessed Sacrament from the chapel and go down to the lowest floor of the house – because we don't have a basement. We pray. When the sirens stop, we go out into the street, meet our neighbours and assess the situation together. We support each other. The priests have opened their churches for those who have nowhere to hide.

Lately the nights have been difficult because the alarms are so frequent. But God helps us to survive. We have the Blessed Sacrament in front of us, we stay in Adoration, we say the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, we ask for peace, for God's mercy on the world, on us, on our neighbours, on the city, on Ukraine. We are completely in His hands and defenceless at this moment. We are learning true trust through this. One of the sisters from another community called and asked for help in cooking meals for the civil defence. There is a priest from Caritas here who distributes basic supplies to those most in need. The volunteers have become very organized. We offer it to God in prayer. We do not understand why we were attacked. We all pray for the conversion of Russia and the

conversion of those who attacked us. Evil is at work in all this. We are supposed to overcome evil with good. And so, we try to do that by, among other things, praying the Rosary, because Our Lady asked for the conversion of Russia. Many people are praying for this conversion. We also pray for the soldiers. For our own who defend us, but also for those on the other side. There is poverty and despair there too, because they are husbands and sons.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion: continues every Friday in Lent from 7pm-8.30pm. We will meet in church to pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by a short video and discussion in the hall. All welcome.

Knit and Knatters: We are currently busy knitting for our 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 after Mass from next weekend onwards to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022: 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 more information 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.

Gift Aid envelopes for next year are available for collection from Saturday 12th March. The boxes are labelled and they are at the back of church.

Book Club: Book club will not be meeting in April. We will announce the next book in April and the next meeting will be in May.

Lenten Reflections: Paul's People Wednesdays 12 – 12.30pm across the Churches of Cheadle and Gatley. **March:** 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.

Money Matters: During February we received £1027.20 in the collection and £1847.70 in Standing Orders. For the SVP Collection we received £274.90 which will attract a further £43.75 from the Government through Gift Aid. Thank you very much.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 12 th	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Julia Lohan RIP For the parishioners of St Chad & St Ann
Sun 13 th 2 nd Lent Year C	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	In Thanksgiving – Evelyn Burns Andrew Sprowson RIP
Mon 14 th	St Ann's	10am	Melissa, David & Lawson
Tues 15 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Martin Losse RIP Bernard Howell
Wed 16 th	No Mass		
Thurs 17 th St Patrick	St Chad's	9.30am	Miriam Cohen RIP
Fri 18 th St Cyril of Jerusalem	St Ann's	10am	Bill Holt RIP
Sat 19 th St Joseph	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad Deceased Members of the Street & Herman Families
Sun 20 th 3 rd Lent Year C	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Margaret Barron RIP Special Intention (SPJ)

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 August with Mass Intentions. If you would like an intention on a specific date, please write it on the envelope and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

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.