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Family Day & Holiday Club: The Family Day is on Saturday 30th April at St Ann's and will start with a bring your own picnic lunch at 12noon and will finish with the 5pm Mass. The Holiday club will take place 6th - 10th June at St Chad's – further details to follow. We need volunteers to help with both events. Please email us or speak to Victoria if you are able to help.

Wellspring Collection: This weekend (March 26th/27th) we will have our monthly Wellspring collection. The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are UHT milk, tinned meats, multipack bags of crisps, multipacks of chocolate biscuit bars, small bottles of water and boxes of breakfast cereals (but NOT porridge).

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.

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.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Catherine Kearney, Mary Appleby, William Richardson, Henrietta Gorna, John White, William Summerfield, Francis Baker, Elsie Thompson, Mary Harford, Owen Campbell, Maureen Hughes, Catherine Davies, Florence McCarron 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 27th March - 4th Sunday in Lent Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A few months ago, I asked the Sisters of Mary Morning Star to make a small icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child. If it is suitable, we may place it in the sanctuary of St Chad's Church. We hope to receive it by the summertime or shortly thereafter. The making of an icon (technically referred to as the "writing" of an icon) of this quality is a long and prayerful process. Icons are never simply made for the sake of decoration or sale. A true icon is an expression of prolonged contemplation. The artist paints the image while fasting and silently pondering the Word of God. The icon depicts Mary affectionately pressing the Child Jesus to her cheek, an image known as Our Lady of Tenderness. Although obviously consoling her little Son, she is also gazing out at us to remind us of her concern and attentiveness to us all.

I have just discovered that the original image of Our Lady of Tenderness was actually called Our Lady of Kyiv. The Grand Duke of that region decided to build a church in Vyshorod, just north of the city of Kyiv, for which the foundation stone was laid in 1132. He commissioned an icon of the Virgin and Child from Byzantium. It was written in Constantinople and was based upon an iconic tradition that was said to trace its origins back to St Luke himself. The icon arrived in Kyiv around the year 1134 and immediately became central to the spiritual life of the people of that land in which Marian devotion was already strong. It had been the first land to be solemnly entrusted to Mary by its rulers back in 1037, an entrustment which Pope Francis has just renewed. Many variations of the image soon spread around the region. The original icon has had a long and complex history, eventually being transferred to the town of Vladimir in the same century, and finally to Moscow in the 14th century. Miracles are said to have taken place after prayers were offered in the presence of that icon and there have been at least three reports of apparitions of Mary in Ukraine.

It is always touching to pray before an image of Our Lady of Tenderness, but I think it will be all the more so for us in light of the desperate situation in which the people of Kyiv now find themselves. (The area around Vyshorod has

experienced heavy shelling during the past few weeks.) Let us entrust them all in a very special way to Our Lady of Tenderness, mindful of the fact that they themselves have venerated her in this way for almost 900 years. May she intercede for the protection of their homeland, and when the madness of war has finally come to an end, may she continue to intercede for peace and reconciliation among all the Slavic peoples, so tragically and needlessly torn apart.

Our Lady of Tenderness, Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us.

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Lenten Penitential Services: with confession will take place on Thursday 31st March 7pm-8.30pm at St Chad's and Friday 1st April at St Ann's 7pm-8.30pm.

Easter Services: Our Easter services are detailed below. Please note you do not need to book to attend any of the services. Church will open 30 minutes before each service.

Thursday 14th April Holy Thursday: 7pm

Friday 15th April Children's Stations of the Cross – 10am

Good Friday Service 3pm

Saturday 16th April Easter Vigil 8pm

Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday 9.30am

Easter Flowers: If you would like to contribute to the Easter Flowers, please put your offering in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' and place it in the collection box. Thank you.

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

Medjugorje Youth Festival- from 2nd to 9th August 2022 led by Fr Tony McGrath. £645, return flights from Manchester Airport, 7 nights accommodation close to St James Church, full programme with Joe Walsh Tours and Breakfast and Dinner each day. This pilgrimage is for 18-35 year olds, and families with under 18's are also welcome. There is an information evening at Christ Church, 98 Finney Lane, Heald Green, SK8 3DY at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th April. For more information or to register interest please email Fr Tony at christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 26 th	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Tom & Elizabeth O'Sullivan RIP Rev Denis Herlihey RIP
Sun 27 th <i>4th Lent Year C</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	For the parishioners of St Chad & St Ann Brendan Tynan RIP
Mon 28 th	St Ann's	10am	Michael Lohan RIP
Tues 29 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Cyril Cook RIP Anne Nicholson
Wed 30 th	No Mass		
Thurs 31 st	St Chad's	9.30am	November List RIP
Fri 1 st April	St Ann's	10am	Special Intention (J.V.)
Sat 2 nd	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Colin McNicholls RIP Adebukola Akanji
Sun 3 rd <i>5th Lent Year C</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Vincent Collinge RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's

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.

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.

Thursday Coffee Morning: This week raised £55 for CAFOD Thank you.

Next week is in aid of The Little Sisters of the Poor.