

Help with the Gardens: If anyone can come to help us clear the Church gardens in readiness for the holiday club, we will be meeting on Saturday 23rd April at 10am – 2pm. Please come along if you can. Thank you.

Ukrainian Refugees: We are still waiting for an update from the Diocese about how we can help with this situation, but if you have applied to house a refugee family and would like some help / support, please get in touch.

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.

FOOTSTEPS: Do come on Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm to St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove to hear Mary Hardiman present her thoughts on "What I want is mercy". Always a captivating and thought provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what mercy means and how it reflects the heart of God. She will offer examples from the gospels and suggestions on how we can practise mercy. Footsteps is a series of talks by people who can help us on our Christian journey. There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. We'd love you to be there!

Piety Stall: 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.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Thomas Sheridan, Eric Adshead, Margaret Rennison, Mary Whealing, Eugene Lennon, Josephine Mairs, Donald Mackay, Mary Foster, Mary McMullin, Jules Liotard, Elsie Copeland, Lilian Sandiforth, Frederick Murtagh, James Crewdson, Sheila Cliff, Mary Slingsby, Ged Parkinson, Connie Jennings, Mary Smith, Wilf Golding, Michael Collins, Barbara Hart and 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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The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle



Priests: Fr. Sean Davidson & Fr. Louis Charuvila Pappy
Sunday 17th April 2022 – Easter Sunday

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During these joyful days of Easter, we will hear much about the figure of St Mary Magdalene, the first person in history to proclaim the good news of Christ's victory over death. Here are a few words from Bishop Fulton Sheen's *Life of Christ* about her experience on Easter Sunday:

In the dim dawn of Sunday morning several women were seen approaching the tomb. The very fact that the women brought spices proved that they did not expect a Resurrection. When the stone was rolled to the door of the sepulchre, not only was Christ buried but also all of their hopes. The only thought the women had was to anoint the body of the dead Christ. Mary Magdalen, who had in the darkness moved ahead of her companions, noticed that the stone had already been rolled to one side, while the entrance stood wide open. (...)

Finding the tomb empty, she broke into a fountain of tears. With her eyes cast down as the brightness of the early sunrise swept over the dew-covered grass, she vaguely perceived someone near her who asked: "Woman, why art thou weeping?" She said: "Because they have carried away my Lord; And I cannot tell where they have taken Him." When she had said this, she turned and saw Jesus standing; and she knew not that it was He. She thought He was the gardener. Believing this man might know where the Lost One could be found, Mary Magdalen went down on her knees and asked: "If it is thou, Sir, that hast carried Him off, Tell me where thou hast put Him, And I will take Him away." Poor Magdalen! Worn from Good Friday, wearied by Holy Saturday, with life dwindled to a shadow and strength weakened to a thread, she would "take Him away." Three times did she speak of "Him" without defining His name. The force of love was such as to suppose no one else could possibly be meant.

Jesus said to her: "Mary." That voice was more startling than a clap of thunder. After the mental midnight, there was this dazzle; after hours of hopelessness, this hope; after the search, this discovery; after the loss, this find. Magdalen was prepared only to shed reverential tears over the grave; what she was not prepared for was to see Him walking on the wings of the morning. Only purity

and sinlessness could welcome the all-holy Son of God into the world; hence, Mary Immaculate met Him at the door of earth in the city of Bethlehem. But only a repentant sinner, who had herself risen from the grave of sin to the newness of life in God, could fittingly understand the triumph over sin. To the honour of womanhood, it must forever be said: A woman was closest to the Cross on Good Friday, and first at the tomb on Easter Morn. She was to break the precious alabaster box of His Resurrection so that its perfume might fill the world.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Divine Mercy Sunday 24th April: We will celebrate this special Day with a Holy Hour next Sunday 3pm – 4pm. All welcome to join in this special time of prayer.

“All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person’s sins were as dark as night, God’s mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God’s merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.”
St Faustina Diary Entry 1507

“I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My Mercy.”
Our Lord to St Faustina - Diary Entry No 687.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention, April 2022: For Health Care Workers: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Adoration for Children: Tuesday 10th May at 4.15pm with refreshments afterwards. Then will continue every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Bring your children and grandchildren (aged 0-12) to a time of adoration, specially adapted for them. Let them experience the real presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and grow in their love for God.

Knit and Knatter: have raised £202 for The Little Sister of the Poor from the sale of chicks/rabbits and hedgehogs. Thank you to the generous parishioners who donated eggs and thank you everyone who bought them!

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 16 th <i>Easter Vigil</i>	St Ann’s St Chad’s	8pm 8pm	Colette Murphy RIP Bernard Howell
Sun 17 th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Peter Danson RIP For the parishioners of St Ann’s & St Chad’s
Mon 18 th	St Ann’s	10am	Jane Kerr RIP
Tues 19 th	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Paul Alcock RIP Florence McCarron RIP
Wed 20 th	No Mass		
Thurs 21 st	St Chad’s	9.30am	Pat Scott RIP
Fri 22 nd	St Ann’s	10am	Mary Greene RIP
Sat 23 rd <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 6.30pm	Joan Elliott RIP David Gallagher RIP
Sun 17 th <i>2nd Sunday after Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	For the Parishioners of St Chad & St Ann David & Grace Potter 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 October 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. The boxes are labelled and they are at the back of church.