

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on the 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting will take the form of a zoom meeting. If you could please register your attendance and make any requests for the zoom link, password, apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267

**300 Club:** April Winners of £20 each are: 209 – Bert Clarke, 102 – Patricia Pritchard, 87 – Jason Furness. The winner of the £50 Easter Bonus is 38 – Rosemary Hince.

**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:** The Family Day is next Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at St Ann's. It will begin with a bring your own picnic lunch at 12noon and will finish with the 5pm Mass. All welcome.

**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!

**Money Matters:** We collected £657 for our Ukraine Appeal and have now sent a check to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thank you very much.

**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: Pauline Gannon, Kathleen Kirk, John Mullen, James Brady, Norah Kennedy, Elizabeth McCreanor, Belle Bingham, Evelyn Dewhurst, John Hernon, Antoine Sant, John Powell, Ralph Bradshaw, Elizabeth Pringle, Bernard Gerighty, Charlotte Brook, Philip Masterson, Mary Pearson, Joan Barker: 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 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy feast day of the Divine Mercy! Let us rejoice in the hope which comes to us from the merciful Heart of the Risen Lord. Here are some words from Pope Francis' Easter Vigil homily, reminding us that like the first Christians we are also called to be missionary witnesses of that hope:

*As the shadows of night were dispelled before the quiet coming of the light, the women set out for the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus. First, they discovered that the tomb was empty; then they saw two figures in dazzling garments who told them that Jesus was risen. Immediately they ran back to proclaim the news to the other disciples (cf. Lk 24:1-10). They saw, they heard, they proclaimed. With these three verbs, may we too enter into the passover of the Lord from death to life. The women saw. All too often we look at life and reality with downcast eyes; we fix our gaze only on this passing day, disenchanted by the future, concerned only with ourselves and our needs, settled into the prison of our apathy, even as we keep complaining that things will never change. In this way, we halt before the tomb of resignation and fatalism, and we bury the joy of living. But the Lord is risen! Let us lift up our gaze, remove the veil of sadness and sorrow from our eyes, and open our hearts to the hope that God brings!*

*In the second place, the women heard. After they had seen the empty tomb, the two men in dazzling garments said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" We cannot celebrate Easter if we continue to be dead; if we remain prisoners of the past. If we continue to reduce faith to a talisman, making God a lovely memory from times past, instead of encountering him today as the living God who desires to change us and to change our world.*

*Finally, the women proclaimed. What did they proclaim? The joy of the resurrection. Easter did not occur simply to console those who mourned the death of Jesus, but to open hearts to the extraordinary message of God's triumph over evil and death. The light of the resurrection was not meant to let the women bask in a transport of joy, but to generate missionary disciples who "return from the tomb" in order to bring to all the Gospel of the risen Christ. They knew that the others might think they were mad; indeed, the Gospel says that the women's*

words “seemed to them an idle tale”. Yet those women were not concerned for their reputation, for preserving their image; they did not contain their emotions or measure their words. They had only the fire in their hearts with which to bear the news, the proclamation: “The Lord is risen!” And how beautiful is a Church that can run this way through the streets of our world! Without fear, without schemes and stratagems, but solely with the desire to lead everyone to the joy of the Gospel.

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

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**Regina Caeli:** During Eastertide we will sing the Regina Caeli at the end of Mass:

Regína cæli, lætare, allelúia, quia quem meruísti portáre, allelúia, resurréxit sicut dixit, allelúia; ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia.

*Translation:*

*Queen of Heaven, be joyful, Alleluia. You who were worthy to bear him. Alleluia. He has risen, as he promised. Alleluia. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.*

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

**Rosary:** From Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mass and throughout the month of May, we will pray the Rosary before each weekend Mass, starting half an hour before each Mass.

**Children’s Liturgy:** Starts again today for this term. If we had just two more volunteers we would be able to run children’s liturgy all year. If you would be able to help us out please speak to Maria McDonald, Fr Sean or Victoria. The commitment works out at leading the session once every 6 -8 weeks. Thank you.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** Next weekend (April 30th/1st May) 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.

**Wellspring Collection:** As next weekend (April 30th/May 1st) is the last weekend of the month, there will be the monthly Wellspring collection. The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are milk, coffee, biscuits, multipack bags of crisps, multipacks of chocolate biscuit bars, boxes of breakfast cereals, tinned custard, shaving gel and disposable razors.

**Thursday Coffee morning** raised £50 for the SVP. Thank you

## Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann’s <b>St Chad’s</b>	5pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Joan Elliott RIP <b>David Gallagher RIP</b>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	<b>St Chad’s</b>  St Ann’s	<b>9.30am</b>  11am	<b>For the Parishioners of St Chad &amp; St Ann</b>  David & Grace Potter RIP
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann’s	10am	Raymond Davis RIP
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann’s <b>St Chad’s</b>	10am <b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Buckley RIP <b>Kath Ward RIP</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Chad’s</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Ellen O’Shea RIP</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann’s	10am	Jack Dromey RIP
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann’s  <b>St Chad’s</b>	5pm  <b>6.30pm</b>	For the parishioners of St Ann’s & St Chad’s  <b>Anne Flanagan &amp; Jean</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>St Chad’s</b> St Ann’s	<b>9.30am</b> 11am	<b>Amanda R Sanedrin RIP</b> Martin Reynolds 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.

**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.

**Reception places at Cheadle Catholic Infant School available:** We have a number of Reception Class places available for September 2022. If you know of any families who may be interested please ask them to contact the school office or Mrs Glynn for further information admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk or 0161 4858733.