

Ukrainian Refugees: One of our parishioners has generously welcomed a Ukrainian Family into their home. We are looking at ways that we as a parish can offer support to them, as well as to other families that parishioners may be hosting (please let us know if you are as we would like to support you too). For instance: help with school uniform, equipment eg computer, stationery, clothes and general living costs. In the first instance we would like to hold a special coffee morning after Sunday Mass on Sunday 15th May where we will have a cake sale and hold a raffle. In the meantime, if anyone would like to make a contribution towards this, please place in an envelope marked Ukraine and put in the collection box. All monies will be held by the parish and distributed locally as needed. If anyone would like to make a donation for the raffle, please leave them in the cupboard at the back of church.

In addition to this, the churches in Cheadle and Gatley are also looking at ways in which we can work together to offer further support and have been in touch with a local group supporting Ukrainian Refugees arriving in the area. We will give further information when it is available.

Thursday Coffee morning raised £62.50 for Cornerstones. Thank you.

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: A.A.McDonald, Margaret Crawley, Herbert Oldfield, Mary Scowcroft, Elizabeth Lloyd, Mary Coll, Gerald Delaney, Margaret Todd, Jenny Forrest, Winifred Fern, Ety Redmond, Sidney Childs, Ann Booth, Ronald Bentley, Janet Cosgrove, Maureen Sallman, Anna Barrese, Patrick Pelling, Bernard Barrans, Elizabeth Donlan, Winnie Duffy, May Cartwright, Mary Williams, Francis Stonely, William Tracey, Bishop Joseph Gray, Bill Harford and all those whose 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 1st May 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the second reading this Sunday, we are given a little glimpse into the life of heaven. It is a life of worship and adoration. The book of Revelation - also known as the Apocalypse - is often misunderstood. The word Apocalypse in Greek means "to remove the veil." It is a book which unveils, among other things, what will happen at the end of time, as the struggles and sorrows of earthly history finally give way to a new creation in which evil and pain will exist no more. The difficult parts of the book leading up to this happy ending depict the birth-pangs by which this renewal will come about. The book also shows us what is already happening in heaven for the souls who have been counted worthy to enter into it. It often uses symbolic language which cannot be taken literally. It begins with Jesus dressed as High Priest ministering in the Temple. This is symbolic for the fact that in heaven the liturgical worship begun on earth continues and reaches its climax. Jesus intercedes before the Father in order to open up to every generation the possibility of eternal life. We join ourselves to Christ's prayer and self-offering through the mystery of the Mass. We are in some sense already reaching "behind the veil" every time we draw near to the altar.

As well as interceding for his brothers and sisters as High Priest, Jesus is also worshipped by the saints in heaven, since he is divine as well as human. This week's second reading shows the worship of God the Father on his heavenly throne, as well as the worship of the Lamb of God. The elders and all the creatures of heaven fall prostrate before Jesus in awe-filled adoration. This worship of the Lamb is also made possible for us in a special way through the Mass. We are already prostrate before the same Lamb of God, now unveiled in glory in heaven and who is made present to us with his glory hidden behind the Eucharistic veil. The famous painting of Raphael known as the *Disputa* depicts this beautifully. We see the saints in heaven adoring the glorious Lord Jesus, while Christians on earth are gathered around the same Lord Jesus, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament.

All of this shows the importance of cultivating a spirit of adoration and worship of the Eucharistic Lord while still on earth. If people are not able to faithfully give to God at least one hour for worship on Sunday - out of the 168 hours in the week - then they are certainly far from ready to enter into the life of adoration of the saints in glory. It would be presumptuous to think that we will go straight to heaven when we die if we have not prepared our souls for what happens there.

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

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.

Rosary: Throughout the month of May, we will pray the Rosary before each weekend Mass, starting half an hour before each Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) This 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: This weekend (April 30th/May 1st) we have our 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

Adoration for Children: Tuesday 10th May at 4.15pm with refreshments afterwards.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 30 th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's Anne Flanagan & Jean
Sun 1 st May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Amanda R Sanedrin RIP Martin Reynolds RIP
Mon 2 nd <i>St Athanasius</i>	St Ann's	10am	Deceased members of the Stephenson & Farrell families
Tues 3 rd <i>Ss Philip & James</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Neil Moore RIP Julianna Ashworth RIP
Wed 4 th	No Mass		
Thurs 5 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Bernard Gerighty RIP
Fri 6 th	St Ann's	10am	Joan Kelly
Sat 7 th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Fr Robbie Morrow For the parishioners of St Chad's & St Ann's
Sun 8 th <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Amelia Sanedrin Alcazar RIP Baby Charbel RIP & for his parents.

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.