

Foundation Governors: St Philip's Catholic School require Foundation Governors for the beginning of September. By law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors, who are practising Catholics appointed by the Bishop. If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855 should you require any further information before applying. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org Click on main Education heading and click on Foundation Governors from the drop-downs which will appear on the left hand side. If you do have any problems please contact Sue using the contact details above.

St James Alumni Network: An alumni network for past pupils of St James High School has recently been set up and they would like to connect with as many people as possible. The link to the sign up form is on their website: <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/alumni/>

Thursday Coffee morning raised £55 for St Ann's Hospice.

Catenian Bursary Fund: Because of COVID and thus the cancellation of youth trips to Lourdes and also individual awards to youth, the Catenian Association wishes to make more people aware of the Catenian Bursary Fund :Are you 16-24?, Catholic?, Passionate about helping others?, Planning a future voluntary project?, Needing financial help? Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimages. For full details including eligibility criteria visit our website catenianbursary.com. Local contact 07504 130749 or 07827 628261

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: John Hackney, Diane Huckvale, Charles Mills, Mary Heron, Len Childs, Annie Lally, Joseph Tomlinson, John Schofield, Winnie Turner, John Fanning, Elizabeth Jennings, Winifred Murtagh, Teresa Harrington, Mary Russell, Gloria Lewis, Mary Walsh, James Meaney, John McKenna 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 24th July 2022 - 17th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

To help us to examine our consciences in light of the teaching of the Bible and the Church, we return to our study of the Ten Commandments taken from *Youcat* (the catechism for young people). We are halfway through now, as we look at the sixth commandment:

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

How is sexuality related to love? Sexuality must not be separated from love; they must go together. The sexual encounter requires the framework of a true, dependable love. People who look for sex without love are lying, because the closeness of their bodies does not correspond to the closeness of their hearts. Someone who does not take his own body language at its word does lasting damage to body and soul. Only committed, enduring love in marriage creates a space for sexuality that is experienced in a human way and brings lasting happiness.

What is adultery? Adultery is committed when two people, at least one of whom is married to someone else, have sexual relations. Adultery is the fundamental betrayal of love, the violation of a covenant that was made in God's sight, and an injustice to one's neighbour. (...) We must not condemn people whose marriages fail. Nevertheless, Christians who irresponsibly bring about divorce incur guilt. They sin against God's love, which is visible in marriage. They sin against the abandoned spouse and against abandoned children. Of course, the faithful partner in a marriage that has become unbearable can move out of shared living accommodations. In some serious circumstances, it may be necessary to go through a civil divorce. In well-founded cases the Church can examine the validity of the marriage in an annulment proceeding.

What is meant by "fornication"? Fornication (from Greek *porneia*) originally meant pagan sexual practice, for instance, temple prostitution. Later the term was applied to all forms of sexual activity outside of marriage. Today in English it generally refers to consensual sexual relations between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman.

May a Christian married couple regulate the number of children they have? Yes, a Christian married couple may and should be responsible in using the gift and privilege of transmitting life. The Church recommends the refined methods of self-observation and natural family planning (NFP) as methods of deliberately regulating conception. These are in keeping with the dignity of man and woman; they respect the innate laws of the female body; they demand mutual affection and consideration and therefore are a school of love. The Church pays careful attention to the order of nature and sees in it a deep meaning. It is therefore not a matter of indifference whether a couple manipulates the woman's fertility or instead makes use of the natural alternation of fertile and infertile days. It is no accident that Natural Family Planning is called natural: it is ecological, holistic, healthy, and an exercise in partnership.

What does the Church have against "marriage without the certificate"? For Catholics there is no marriage without a church wedding. In that ceremony Christ enters into a covenant with the husband and the wife and generously endows the couple with graces and gifts. Whereas today many people say that there is nothing wrong with uncommitted premarital sex or extramarital relations, the Church invites us to resist this societal pressure clearly and forcefully.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

Cheadle Catholic Infant School Staff Vacancies The governors are seeking to appoint a new Learning Support Assistant, an After School Club Assistant and a Midday Assistant to start in September. Details on how to apply are on our school website. <https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/vacancies>

St. Chad's Players: The parish drama group, will recommence activities in September. We will be rehearsing ahead of three performances of our 2023 pantomime at the end of January. We rehearse for a couple of hours each Sunday evening with additional/longer rehearsals, coming up to the first performance. please contact Karl Collinge on 07976 784952 ASAP if you wish to be on stage in the pantomime and in the case of children, please advise their ages. Please pass on this information to others who may not see the newsletter. Thank you.

300 Club July winners of £20.00 each, 185 Kay Hall, 55 Pat Thompson, 47 William Poole.

Knit and Knatter will not meet again until September. Happy Holidays and keep knitting!

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 23 rd <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's Eileen Reid RIP
Sun 24 th <i>17th Sunday Year C</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Anne Heath RIP Cyril Cook RIP
Mon 25 th	St Ann's	10am	For Mira De Souza's intentions
Tues 26 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	For Gary & Lynn Smith & Family Brian Devince RIP
Wed 27 th	No Mass		
Thurs 28 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Margarita Mansfield RIP
Fri 29 th	St Ann's	10am	Helen Esser RIP
Sat 30 th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Brendan Tynan RIP For the parishioners of St Chad's & St Ann's
Sun 31 st <i>18th Sunday Year C</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Katherine Nolan RIP Kathleen McMenamin RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Will take place before Mass on Sundays and Tuesdays and from 9am-6pm on Thursday.

Confessions: Available 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. Please note that St Ann's have Adoration from 9am-6pm every Friday.

St Ann's Bridge Group: We are looking for anyone interested in joining our social Bridge Group every Wednesday 10am - 12noon. All comers welcome. Contact Maire on 07535 321897 or Julie on 07511 623792