

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This Friday our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the livestream for the International Mass on Sunday 31st July at 8.30am BST and for our Mass in the Grotto on Monday 1 August at 9am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website www.lourdes-france.org and click on the link.

Wellspring: as this weekend is the last of the month, we have our monthly Wellspring collection. The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are long life milk, multipack bags of crisps, multipacks of chocolate biscuit bars, bottles of cordial, tinned liquid custard, tinned meats, sugar, coffee and, for men only, light summer clothes, including socks and underwear, shaving foam and disposable razors. Thank you.

Thursday Coffee morning raised £33.15 for Mary's Meals. Please note Thursday Coffee mornings have now finished for the summer and will resume on 8th September 2022.

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. We pray for Eileen Reid and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Christopher Wood, Thomas Giblin, Gerard Lambe, Olga Wild, Alan Mellor, Gertrude Netherwood, Maud Pearson, Thomas Campbell, Joseph Hayes, Peter Flanagan, Kevin Brown, Ruth Harper, Jessie McDonald, Louise Flynn, John Crudden, Enid O'Gara, Clifford Barker, Frances Dickinson, Daniel Neill 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



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Sunday 31st July 2022 - 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue to study the Ten Commandments:

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

What is theft, and what falls under the Seventh Commandment? Appropriating someone else's goods unjustly is a sin against the Seventh Commandment. The Commandment, of course, applies not only to stealing, but also to the unfair withholding of a just wage, the keeping of found items that one could give back, and defrauding in general. (It) also pertains to the following: setting employees to work in inhumane conditions, not abiding by contracts into which one has entered, wasting profits without any consideration for social obligations, artificially driving prices up or down, endangering the jobs of colleagues for whom one is responsible, bribery and corruption, misleading dependent co-workers into illegal actions, doing shoddy work or demanding inappropriate remuneration, wasting or negligently managing public property, counterfeiting or falsifying accounting records, or tax evasion. The Seventh Commandment not only forbids taking something away from another person, it also requires the just management and distribution of the earth's goods. We are obliged to advocate the protection of the environment as part of creation and to conserve the earth's natural resources. *What rules apply to intellectual property?* The misappropriation of intellectual property is theft also. The theft of intellectual property begins with copying other students' work in school, continues in the illegal taking of materials from the internet, applies to the making of unauthorized copies or trafficking in pirated copies in various media, and extends to business dealings in stolen concepts and ideas.

Is it permissible to use tax dodges? Inventiveness in dealing with complex systems of taxation is morally unobjectionable. It is immoral to evade taxes or to commit tax fraud, in other words, to falsify, fail to report, or conceal facts so as to prevent a correct assessment of taxes due. By paying taxes, citizens contribute, each according to his ability, so that the State can fulfil its duties.

May a Christian make bets and play games of chance? Betting and gambling are immoral and dangerous when the gambler risks his livelihood. It becomes even worse if he risks the livelihood of other people, especially of those who are

entrusted to his care. Morally speaking, it is a highly dubious practice to wager large sums on a game of chance while others lack the bare necessities of life. Betting and gambling, furthermore, can be addictive and enslave people.

Are Christians obliged to become involved in politics and society? It is a special duty of laypeople to become involved in politics, society, and commerce. Partisan political activity is, however, incompatible with the ministry of bishops, priests, and religious, who must be of service to everyone.

What are the "corporal works of mercy"? To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

What are the "spiritual works of mercy"? To instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, admonish the sinner, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead.

How should we treat animals? Animals are our fellow creatures, which we should care for and in which we should delight, just as God delights in their existence. Animals, too, are sentient creatures of God. It is a sin to torture them, to allow them to suffer, or to kill them uselessly. Nevertheless, man may not place love of animals above love of man.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): If you know of any adult who is considering becoming Catholic, or who is already baptised but has not yet made his or her first Holy Communion or Confirmation please ask them to make contact with the parish as soon as possible. We are currently planning our RCIA programme which will start in September.

Baptisms: Parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Courses will take place on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in St Ann's Parish Room, the next meeting is 1st September. Please bring the completed Baptism form with you to the course and only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed. Further details, course dates and the baptism form are available on the website.

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Mon 1 st August	St Ann's	10am	Teresa Kenny RIP
Tues 2 nd	St Ann's St Chad's St Chad's	10am 11.30am 6.30pm	Anne Sprowson RIP Requiem Mass for Eileen Reid RIP Tony Moores RIP
Wed 3 rd	No Mass		
Thurs 4 th <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	St Chad's	9.30am	Olive O'Rourke RIP
Fri 5 th	St Ann's	10am	Malcolm McCausland RIP
Sat 6 th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Eleanor Kelly RIP Eileen Reid RIP
Sun 7 th <i>19th Sunday Year C</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Tony Rogers RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's and St Chad's

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.