

**SVP Sponsored Walk:** The annual sponsored family fun walks, to raise funds for the SVP in Stockport and Hyde to take a group of boys and girls for a 1 week holiday in North Wales, will start at 12 noon on Sunday 11th September from the coffee shop next to the Boars Head pub in Higher Poynton. All St. Chad's parishioners are welcome to participate. There will be two walks, 3 miles and 7 miles. For any parishioners wishing to sponsor the walkers from St. Chad's, there will be sponsorship forms outside church after the weekend masses from next weekend (August 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>).

**Church Fair:** There will be a meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11am to discuss the plans for the fair to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Volunteers will be needed to help with stalls and set up / tidy up. Please come along if you are able to help. If you can't come to the meeting but would like to help please email the parish email address.

**Piety Stall:** We have new stock on the piety stall – in the hall foyer. Please take a look. Money can be placed in the box on the wall.

**FOOTSTEPS:** the next Footsteps event will be on Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's parish centre (Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA).

Anthony Delaney will consider and suggest how we can make a difference to others in "From lost and alone to found and at home". A former police officer, Anthony has led church leaders around the nation – he's now the Network Leader of Ivy, a network of churches meeting in various places across Manchester including a university, a warehouse, an arts centre and even a church building! Footsteps is a series of presentations by people who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith. It's a relaxed, informal café-style setting with refreshments and a great community feel. There's a large, free car park and good disabled access.

**Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently.** We also remember: Agnes Madden, Agnes Collins, John McCormack, Margaret Carter, John Smith, Monica Charnock, William Dolan, Bernard Jennings, Harry Wren, Frank Carroll, Terence Baglin, David Draycott, Susan Coulson, Anne Brook, Eleatha Widdows, Andrew Morris, Effie Carrigher, Chris Carroll, Philip Paredes, Bill Dolan, Geoff Bird 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.

## **The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle**

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## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – The feast of The Assumption**

### **Mass Times & Intentions**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	5pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Bernie Glover <b>For the Parishioners of St Chad's &amp; St Ann's</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Assumption</i>	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9.30am</b> 11am	<b>Elizabeth McDaid RIP</b> Michael Farrington RIP
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Michael Lohan RIP
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	10am <b>6.30pm</b>	Ann Miller <b>Anne Nicholson RIP</b>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Chad's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Evelyn &amp; Tom Burns</b>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Judith & Steve
Sat 20 <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>Josie Glynn RIP</b>
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday <i>Ordinary Time</i>	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9.30am</b> 11am	<b>Evelyn &amp; Tom Burns</b> For all those who are sick

**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.

**Perpetual Adoration:** Please note there will be no perpetual Adoration during the month of August. This will resume on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Thank you.

**Saturday Evening Mass:** Following the announcement at the Saturday Mass last week, it is with regret we confirm that, from the 1st September, we will no longer have a Saturday evening Mass at St Chad's. We know that this is disappointing to all those who attend that Mass, but we hope you understand the reasons why this decision has been taken. As we revert to having only one priest, who is serving three communities, it is not possible to continue with all the services at the weekend in our parishes. The decision was not taken lightly. In looking at the attendance figures for all Masses, our Saturday evening Mass has the lowest attendance (regularly 30 people or fewer), and considering the historical figures, attendance has been steadily getting lower even before the pandemic. We do not know what the future holds, but for now this is the decision we must take.

The 5pm Mass at St Ann's will continue and the Saturday evening Mass at Christ Church will be changing time to 6pm, so within our Local Missionary Area (LMA) we are well provided. These changes also mean that, if needed, one priest could cover both of these Masses. Going forward, with increasing demands on all our priests, we are going to be working more closely within the LMA to serve the three parishes. If anyone needs transportation to attend either of these Saturday Masses, please let us know and we will try to make arrangements for this.

This means that from September 2022 there will be six Sunday Masses provided in the LMA for about 600 people who currently attend Sunday Mass. The LMA Mass provision will look like this:

5pm Saturday Vigil at St Ann's  
6pm Saturday Vigil at Christ Church  
9am Sunday Mass at Christ Church  
9.30am Sunday Mass at St Chad's  
11am Sunday Mass at Christ Church  
11am Sunday Mass at St Ann's

Outside of the LMA, there is a 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Benedict's in Handforth.

Let us pray more vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, and continue to pray for all our priests and support them in their roles.

**This weekend 13/14 August** we welcome Fr John Convery from the Xaverian Missionaries who will celebrate all Masses with us and make an appeal on behalf of their missionary work.

**The Rosary:** From 1<sup>st</sup> September onwards we will be praying the Rosary before Masses on Thursdays and Sundays. We would like to set up a rota of people to lead this, so if you would like to volunteer please speak to Victoria or email [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com). Thank you.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Prayer for the Assumption of Mary**

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **Prayer for Synod 2021-23:**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen