

Catechism in a year (CIAY) After the great success of Bible in a Year, which you may recall Fr. Sean recommended and is still available, Ascension Press is launching CIAY podcast on Jan 1st 2023, again with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Try it and let these truths penetrate your life. And don't worry if you don't start on time or miss an episode as they stay available! You can google 'Catechism in a Year' for more information, but we hope to have an address for you next week.

Baptisms: Parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Courses are held at St Ann's on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. The next course is on Thursday 5th January 2023. Book your place on the course by emailing stannschadlehulme@gmail.com Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form (downloadable from our website) with you to the course and only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed.

Sycamore Programme: This programme will resume on Mon 9th January 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

SVP Collection: raised £242.05. through Gift Aid an additional £52.50 will be raised. Thank you very much.

Wellspring: Next Sunday January 1st there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items which are particularly needed at the moment are meat (tinned and frozen), coats, gloves, scarves and hats.

Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Elizabeth Wood, Patrick Williams, William Lacking, Monica Furnace, Margaret Broadhurst, Emma Gannon, Bishop Eric Grasar, Neville Coupe, Oliver Kirk, Margaret Frith, Mary Burke, Martin Fury, Winifred Richardson, Peggy Ast, Catherine Connor, Frances Minshall, James Ollerenshaw, William Dixon, Kevin Bancroft, Marjorie Slattery, James Abberton, Doreen West, Desmond Ward, Mary Nicholls, Jack Calderbank, Edith Curran, Elizabeth Sutton, Arthur Hogan, Margaret Turner, George Chilton, Charles Lowey, Wilfred Andrews, Margaret Appleby, Joseph Healey, John Gill, Kathleen Britland, Edward Bettley, Ellen Gilmore, Ellen Newton, Joseph Woodman, Florence McGuire, Mary Ahearne, Edward Telford, Eric Chaisty, Stephen Sheeran, Elizabeth Mallalieu, Mary Hannan, Helena Duffy, Reginald Skerrett, John Grant, Edward Mulliner, Anne Burgon 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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Office Hours: Thursdays 11am – 1pm - St Chad's

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Sunday 25th December 2022 – Nativity of the Lord

Christmas and New Year Greetings to all. Christmas is a time of celebration. Celebration of light, peace, hope, and love. Let us celebrate the beauty and sanctity of this season as a family and a worshipping community. The Breaking News of Christmas' comes in the announcement of the angel to the watchful shepherds: "For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord". This is the Breaking News the whole world is waiting to hear. It is not announced in the palace of a reigning King, nor from the pulpit of a magnificent temple. Instead, God chooses the poor, simple, shivering shepherds to hear first the Breaking News of His coming. There is no room for Him to be born in the Inn. The long awaited saviour who will "reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end", is laid in a manger full of hay and not in a Golden Cradle lined with smooth silk and velvet. He is born to a humble handmaiden and his foster-father is a simple carpenter. Thus God's solidarity with our simple, sinful, suffering, oppressed, harassed and dejected humanity is complete. Isaiah had foretold: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone". (Is. 9:2) and St. Paul Confirms it "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people". (Tit. 2:11).

Christmas is the celebration of light. No more darkness but LIGHT. Through Jesus' birth, LIFE is given. This life was the light of the human race, God with us. God's name is Jesus. Christmas narratives give us many images of what that first Christmas was like. We have a manger, shepherds, kings, animals and stars. It reveals that Christmas is a cosmic experience of stars, creation and of the Christ, the centre of the universe. Nature, Creation, Faith, and Cultures come together as light returns, stars show the way and Hope is realised in a tiny baby born for us and our salvation. We humans, in union with all of creation, are heirs

in hope of eternal life, where we will forever be one in Christ, knowing the fullness and wholeness of a loving Creator who is Self-giving Love made flesh, God among us. God with us. Now! Today! Every day! Christmas Eternal!

This great feast day of the Incarnation, Christmas, lives on in and through each of us when we give witness to Christ Jesus' Word, his presence in our world today. Through our actions we too can give birth to Jesus in a struggling world. May we see, hear, speak, and live as Jesus taught, so that the Christ, the New Creation, may come to fullness. Christmas IS a new beginning, celebrating Christ the New Creation.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous NEW YEAR. Fr. Louis.

Anointing Mass: our next Anointing Mass will take place on Thursday 5th January at the 9.30am Mass.

ST CHAD'S PLAYERS: 'Beauty and the Beast' Pantomime, will be performed Fri 27th Jan at 7.30, Sat 28th Jan at 7.30 and Sun 29th Jan at 2.30. Tickets (Adults £5 and Concessions £4) will be on sale after masses from this weekend or can be reserved by ringing John Murray on 282-5567 or 07836-355182.

The Rosary: Resumes from Thursday 5th January. Before Masses on Thursdays at 9.10am and Sundays at 9am (**note new time**).

Parish Meeting: the Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday 5th January at 7pm** in the Church Hall. The main item on the agenda will be discussing the setting up of a Parish Pastoral Council at St Chad's. All welcome.

Confirmation Year 9 and above: Registration will be held in February 2023 date and venue to be confirmed for each parish in future newsletters. Evening Sessions all held 7pm to 8.30 at Christ Church on Friday 10th & 24th March, 21st April, 5th and 19th May, 16th and 23rd June. There will be a Retreat Afternoon at Christ Church Parish Hall Sunday 9th July 12 to 4pm. Confirmation Friday 14th July 7pm at Christ Church. Please email to confirm your place.

Parish Meal: SAVE THE DATE we are planning to hold a social parish meal on **Saturday 11th February at 7.30pm** in the church hall. The cost would be £15 per head for a 3 course meal (bring your own drinks). More details and a sign up sheet will be posted in the New Year.

Vacancy: The Governors at Cheadle Catholic Infant School are seeking to appoint a School Business Manager to start in January. **For more information and details about how to apply please look at our school website**

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/vacancies/>

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 24 th <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	St Ann's St Chad's St Ann's	5pm 7pm 10pm	Margaret Mary Brooks RIP Silla Maccario RIP Fr Vincent Tobin RIP
Sun 25 th <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Gertrude Mannion RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Mon 26 th	St Ann's	10am	Lily Murphy RIP
Tues 27 th	NO MASS		
Wed 28 th	NO MASS		
Thurs 29 th	NO MASS		
Fri 30 th <i>Holy Family</i>	St Ann's	10am	James Kelly RIP
Sat 31 st	St Ann's	5pm	Tom Killeen RIP
Sun 1 st January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	For the people of our parishes Margaret Bradbury RIP
Mon 2 nd	St Ann's	10am	Collin Molloy RIP
Tues 3 rd	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	John Banks RIP Sheilagh & Jim Tynan RIP
Wed 4 th	NO MASS		
Thurs 5 th	St Chad's	9.30am	John Hurst RIP
Fri 6 th <i>The Epiphany</i>	St Ann's	10am	Mary Lawlor RIP
Sat 7 th <i>Vigil</i>	St Ann's	5pm	For the people of our parishes
Sun 8 th <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Judi Gill RIP & David Gill RIP Lawrence O'Brien RIP

Masses at Christ Church during Christmas week: 27th December 6.30pm, 28th December 10am, 30th December 10am and 6th January 10 am.

Please note there will be no Mass on Tuesday 27th December or Thursday 29th December. There will also be no Adoration on Thursday 22nd December or Thursday 29th December.