We will pray the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: Eternal Father, We thank you for every priest who has faithfully given his life for the salvation of his brothers and sisters. We give thanks to those priests who have brought us your Word of truth, the grace of the Sacraments and, above all, the supreme gift of the Holy Eucharist. Father through your Son Jesus Christ, who called the Apostles to follow him, we ask you to raise up new and generous vocations to the priesthood in our time. Send forth the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of a new generation to your call and enable them not to be afraid, but to recognise the joy of giving their whole lives in love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

SVP: The Stockport/Hyde SVP have been providing a children's holiday for over 70 years. These holidays offer a week of fun, excitement and friendship to boys and girls aged 9 to 11yrs who, for various reasons need a break. The activity based holiday takes place in Snowdonia (includes climbing, canoeing, caving & gorge walking). For this to succeed we need volunteers to help during the holiday week. Volunteers must be willing to undergo training and have a DBS check if they do not already have a certificate. We are looking for men and women aged over 18yrs who have lots of energy and are free between the 13-19 August. Volunteers do not need to be members of the SVP. This is a wonderful opportunity to give young people an experience that they will remember for many years. If you are able to help or would like more information, then please contact Vince McAllister by email to **vincem@svp.org.uk**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Bookings are now open. Theme is"... *tell the priests to build a chapel here*". The overland pilgrimage will depart on 27 July returning on 4 Aug. Those wishing to fly will depart from Liverpool airport on 28 July returning on 3 Aug. More details are available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Young pilgrims (aged 16 - 22) who wish to join us in Lourdes and offer their time and energy to assist and serve the sick and elderly pilgrims are asked to contact Sandy Fairley at the Youth Mission Team **youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org** for more details.

Please pray *for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember:John Dean, Margaret Lobb, Alice Weaver, Anna McNight, Elizabeth Grindrod, Amy Johnson, William Condon, James Killoran, Theresa Brady, Nora Meaney, Eileen Gibson, Beatrice Morrisey, Roy Nield, Glenys McNicholas, Gill Harwood, Arthur Moorhouse, Angela Grindrod, Audrey Doyle, Harry Frith, William Counter, John Hughes, Edith Sweeney, Wilfrid Shaw, Ernesto Granelli, Margaret Kennedy, Leo McEwan, Ellen Hogg, Patrick Gibbons, Kathleen Moore, Mary Jones, Mary Locke and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

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Sunday 19th March 2023 – 4th Sunday Lent Year A

Greetings and Prayers to all.

This week we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The Gospel reading this week tells of the healing of the man born blind. It gives us three insights into the source of spiritual light. a) **The Light of the Word:** Jesus asks the blind man to go and wash himself in the pool of Siloam. It is this light of Jesus's word that guides him to the pool. In order to receive light from God one needs to follow His commandments. b) **The Light of Experience:** The man seems ignorant of Jesus's identity and authority but he has a personal experience of Him. It is this experience that helps him face all sorts of persecution. c) **The Sight of Faith:** When Jesus reveals Himself to the man, he worships Him and accepts Him as his Lord. The Jews lack this light of faith; hence they reject Jesus and prefer to remain in darkness. Sight is not only through our physical eye, it is also through our inner eye. During this Lenten season, let us try to close our own "I" and open our "Eyes". Let us pray:

O God, you see that we have no strength in ourselves. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly. Defend us from all adversities which hurt the body, and cleanse us from all evil thoughts which afflict the mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fr. Louis.

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 18th *Vigil*	St Ann's	5pm	For the parishioners
Sun 19th 4th Sunday of Lent Year A	**St Chad's** St Ann's	**9.30am** 11am	**Isle Collinge RIP** Mary Maguire RIP
Mon 20th	St Ann's	10am	Private Intention
Tues 21st	St Ann's **St Chad's**	10am **6.30pm**	Lois Briggs RIP **Olive O'Rourke RIP**
Wed 22nd	**St Chad's**	**10am**	**Requiem Mass John Hall**
Thurs 23rd	**St Chad's**	**9.30am**	**Sheilagh Tynan RIP**
Fri 24th	St Ann's	10am	John Watkins RIP
Sat 25th *Vigil*	St Ann's	5pm	Rosa Shaw RIP
Sun 26th 5th Sunday of Lent Year A	**St Chad's** St Ann's	**9.30am** 11am	**John Feehan RIP** For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's

Mass Intentions: Envelopes available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note we are into July with Mass Intentions.
Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 10am-6pm. There is a sign up sheet available at the back of church.
Thursday Coffee Morning: Raised £66.00 for The Little Sisters of the Poor. .

Journeying together to Easter: A series of Ecumenical Lenten Services followed by light refreshments, Wednesdays during Lent at 12 noon. 22nd March – St Cuthbert's Cheadle, 29th March – St Mary's Cheadle, 5th April – Gatley URC
Parish Day Pilgrimage there are still a few spaces left for our Day Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine, Preston on Saturday 15th July. Cost is £15 per person (cover coach cost and donation to the Shrine). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. Leaving St Chad's at 9.30am, returning to St Chad's by approx. 4.30pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church.
Knit and Knatter: will be selling their Easter items from this weekend, raising funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor. If anyone would like to donate Creme Eggs (or similar) please leave in the cupboard at the back of Church.

Our Easter Services will be:
Palm Sunday:
St Chad's **9.15am**
St Ann's Saturday evening 5pm & Sunday 11am
Maundy Thursday 6th April
St Chad's 6.30pm followed by watching till 9.30pm (night prayer at 9.15pm)
St Ann's 8pm followed by watching till midnight (night prayer at 11.45pm)
Good Friday 7th April
St Chad's 3pm
St Ann's 3pm
Easter Vigil 8th April
St Chad's 8pm
St Ann's 8pm
Easter Sunday 9th April
St Chad's 9.30am
St Ann's 11am

Lent 2023 - A Day for the Eucharist on **Saturday 1st April, 10am-2pm** at **St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine,** Tatton Street, St Petersgate, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A time of catechesis, fellowship, and prayer. No booking is necessary. Bring a packed lunch and drinks will be available. See poster in Church for the full schedule. All are welcome, and we especially encourage readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend.
Stations of Cross: Fridays at 7pm during Lent, followed by the film The Passion of the Christ. Continues this week and then 24th, 31st March.

Vacancy: The Diocese is looking to recruit a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Shrewsbury Diocese, based in Stockport. The full-time employee will be a key member of the team led by the Director. Salary £19K to £22K depending on experience. For more information please visit https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies For application form please contact Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 7 April 2023.

Wellspring: Next Sunday, March 26th, is the last Sunday of the month and so there will be the collection for The Wellspring. The particular items needed at the moment are sugar, cheese, eggs and tinned meats. Thank you.