

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. The holiday takes place in Snowdonia (includes climbing, canoeing, caving & gorge walking). We need volunteers to help during the 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

Wellspring: this 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Bookings are now open. 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) 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: Winifred Eckett, Sidney Felton, Annie Leyman, Colleen Collins, Catherine Kearney, Mary Appleby, William Richardson, Henrietta Gorna, John White, William Summerfield, Francis Baker, Elsie Thompson, Mary Harford, Owen Campbell, Maureen Hughes, Catherine Davies 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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Sunday 26th March 2023 – 5th Sunday Lent Year A

Greetings and Prayers to all.

This week we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Lent. The Gospel unfolds four stages in the journey from death to life. **a. Stage of consolation:** Jesus consoles Lazarus' sisters with His presence and sheds tears at the tomb. The crowd witnesses His compassion for them and Lazarus. **b. Stage of assurance:** The sisters express their faith in Jesus' power. Jesus assures them that he will rise again. This assurance springs from Jesus' self-revelation: "I am the Resurrection and life." **c. Stage of liberation:** Jesus' command to roll away the stone causes restlessness in the crowd but He proceeds to call Lazarus out. Lazarus is liberated from darkness, death, and bondage. **d. Stage of life:** Jesus tells the people to unbind Lazarus' hands and feet and let him go, a command to allow him to begin a new life of freedom, light and life. The restoration of life back to Lazarus is a dramatic one. Let us follow this miracle stage by stage. Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, You created the world to be without sin or disease but we messed it up. Your son wept because of Lazarus' death and because of the need to go to the cross to be the sacrifice for sin. Be with us in our times of disappointment and despair; raise our eyes to you that we might find hope and peace. Amen.** Fr. Louis.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a donation towards Easter Flowers, please place your donation in an envelope and put either put into the collection bags or post through the presbytery door. Thank you.

Journeying together to Easter: A series of Ecumenical Lenten Services followed by light refreshments, Wednesdays during Lent at 12 noon. 29th March – St Mary's Cheadle, 5th April – Gatley URC

Stations of Cross: This Friday is the last of our Lenten Stations of the Cross. Fridays at 7pm.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 25 th <i>Vigil</i>	St Ann's	5pm	Rosa Shaw RIP
Sun 26 th 5 th 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
Mon 27 th	St Ann's	10am	Vincent Maher
Tues 28 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	The Leigh family Gabriella Midgeley
Wed 29 th	No Mass		
Thurs 30 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Evelyn & Tom Burns
Fri 31 st	St Ann's	10am	Desmond Lynch RIP
Sat 1 st <i>Vigil</i>	St Ann's	5pm	Margaret McAvoy RIP
Sun 2 nd Palm Sunday	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	For the People of our parishes Adrian Lawson RIP

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.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Raised £62 for The Leprosy Mission.

Parish Day Pilgrimage there are still a few spaces left for our Day Pilgrimage to Ladywell 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.

Online course on Vatican II: Part III The Church. The first podcast on *Lumen Gentium* is now available at [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org), together with **3 handouts for downloading or printing:** An Introduction to *LG*; A visual presentation of its 8 chapters; An outline of issues addressed in it. A **leaflet** outlining the content of all of the podcasts in the series is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, please don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 526821.

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.

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. For more information please visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>. Closing date Fri 7 April.

SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO) The SVP would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. Home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and details of how to apply, contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Sunday 16th April 2023.