We will pray the Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood at the end of Sunday Mass: 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

Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St Ambrose, and St Vincent's Stockport invites you to our Parish Mission 2023 led by the Sion community. Theme: Becoming a missionary parish, built on prayer and love. Starting 10th March. Full details on the flyers at the back of Church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Booking are now open for this years Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Under the leadership of Bishop Mark, the theme for our pilgrimage will be "... *tell the priests to build a chapel here*". This years overland pilgrimage will depart on Thursday 27 July returning on Friday 4 August. Those pilgrims wishing to fly will depart from Liverpool airport on Friday 28 July returning on Thursday 3 August. More details, brochure and booking forms 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 McMahon, Nicholas Patchett, Thomas Whelan, Elizabeth Winterbottom, Henry Atkinson, Charles Lister, Stewart Horrocks, Gordon Harrop, Christine Harrod, Kathleen Drummond, Nellie Sargent, Olive O'Rourke, Agnes Curtis, Dominic McGough, Michael McDonnell, Molly Neill, Andrea Lobb, Marion Carroll, Eileen Keane, Jesse Pearson, Margaret Davis, Johanna Reardon, Mary Baccas 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 5th March 2023 – 2nd Sunday Lent Year A

Greetings and Prayers to all.

This week we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent. The Church constantly asks us to give ourselves to prayer, reading of Scripture, fasting and alms giving during Lent. Lent is also a time to reflect more and more on God's word. The readings of the Second Sunday of Lent remind us that God calls us out of our comfort zone to relish a life of grace and peace. The First Reading, from the book of Genesis, prompts one need, to leave one's own Haran in order to enter the God-promised Canaan. Abraham's whole-hearted response to God's call reveals his attitude of renunciation. He hopes the best is yet to come. One needs to set aside one's own plans in order to embrace God's plans. God's plan is that we be saved by Jesus' sacrifice. It is not important how big or how small our plans are, but how well they fit into God's plan. One needs to detach from the material to relish the spiritual.

The Gospel, revealing Jesus' act of going up the mountain, tells of the temporary detachment from the material in order to relish the spiritual. The story of transfiguration teaches that the Divine – Human encounter takes place in the ambience of prayer. Spiritual life begins from material detachment and divine attachment. Lent is a time of renewing our spiritual life. Let us reflect in what way we are called to journey from Haran to Canaan, from our personal plan to divine plan, from material to spiritual. **Let us pray: Lord, I know how much you love me. It is hard for me to feel it sometimes but I know your love is always with me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.**

Fr Louis

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 4th *Vigil*	St Ann's	5pm	Dierdre O'Leary
Sun 5th 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A	**St Chad's** St Ann's	**9.30am** 11am	**PJ Duffy RIP & Ann Duffy** For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Mon 6th	St Ann's	10am	In thanksgiving (CJH)
Tues 7th	St Ann's **St Chad's**	10am **6.30pm**	John Rodgers RIP **Anthony Feely RIP**
Wed 8th	**NO Mass**		
Thurs 9th	**St Chad's**	**9.30am**	**Peter J. Lloyd RIP**
Fri 10th	St Ann's	10am	Isabella Emily Ortiz RIP
Sat 11th *Vigil*	St Ann's	5pm	For Tony Hall and Family
Sun 12th 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A	**St Chad's** St Ann's	**9.30am** 11am	**For all our parishioners at St Chad's & St Ann's** Anne and Andrew Sprowson RIP

The Rosary: Before Masses on Thursdays and Sundays at 9.00am.
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.
Confessions: Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.15pm or at any times by arrangement. Please phone the presbytery 24 hours in advance to arrange.
Parish Mission: Join us for a Parish Mission at St Ann's on Monday 13 Wednesday 15th March. The theme is "A great opportunity to find meaning in our lives" given by John Pridmore. Night 1: God's Love: The amazing story of John Pridmore, Night 2: God's Mercy: A chance to meet Jeus personally, Night 3: God's Healing: Healing service. This is a great opportunity to really get to know the love of God in a new way. John will also speak at the weekend Masses on 11th and 12th March. All welcome.
Journeying together to Easter: A series of Ecumenical Lenten Services followed by light refreshments, Wednesdays during Lent at 12 noon. St Chad's will host on 15th March and will visit the other churches as follows: 8th March – Bethany Church, Gatley, 15th March – St Chad's, Cheadle, 22nd March – St Cuthbert's, Cheadle 29th March – St Mary's, Cheadle, 5th April – Gatley URC

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

Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 10am-6pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. You are welcome to come along at any time during the day.
Thursday Coffee Morning: Raised £61.50 for parish funds. Thank you.
Knit and Knatter: This Wednesday 8th March 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. From next weekend the knitters will be selling their Easter themed items to raise funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.
Parish Day Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine, Preston, 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 and will return to St Chad's by approximately 4.30pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church, please sign up if you would like to come.
House Blessings: Fr Louis will be available for House Blessings during Lent. If you would like to receive a house blessing please see Victoria.
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 Jesus of Nazareth. Continues this week (10th) and then 17th, 24th, 31st.