

## The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle

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**Office Hours:** Thursdays 11am – 1pm - St Chad's and Mondays 10.30am-1pm – St Ann's

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### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – The Transfiguration

Greetings and Prayers from Fr. Louis. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of The Transfiguration. The Transfiguration of Jesus, is an episode in the New Testament in which Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. In Christian understanding, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment. The setting on the mountain is presented as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place for the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. Jesus is a man of Prayer. Most probably he has many mystical experiences of God during the time of prayer. In the Transfiguration episode, Jesus shares a very special mystical experience with three of his closest disciples in order to strengthen their faith. In the same way, in our journey of faith, God may give certain members of the faithful some special experiences of His Grace to strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences and strengthen our Faith.

Deep prayer times are like climbing to the top of the mountain. As we trek up daily, we may enjoy the trip sometimes, but at other times find it hard, tiring and monotonous. Yet when we persevere in prayer, God will suddenly choose to reveal Himself to us. This is a deep personal experience –the most wonderful of human experiences. **Have a Blessed Sunday.**

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#### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Leslie Ashton RIP Maureen Clarke RIP
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Lilly Murphy RIP
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Ian Whan RIP Bill Sellers RIP
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Chad's	9.30am	Doreen Thomas RIP
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Tom & Shelagh Hulse
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Terence O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	For the parishioners of St Chad's & St Ann's Benny Healy 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 September with Mass Intentions.

**Please pray** for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Clifford Barker, Frances Dickinson, Daniel Neill, Anne Maher, Anthony Rogers, James Fallon, Malachy Duggan, Josephine Wiseman, Geoffrey McCumesky, Annie Pilling, Hilda Turner, Kathleen Conroy, Elizabeth Grimshaw, Harry Carrigher, Ethel Masterson, Vera Barnes, Margaret Simcoe, Anne Madden, George Hislop, Evelyn Halstead, Edith Williams, Agnes Davidson those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament:** This has now stopped at both St Chad's and St Ann's for the summer. We will resume on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Rosary:** this has now stopped before Masses on Thursdays and Sundays and will resume in September.

**Confessions:** every Tuesday 6pm-6.25pm. At other times on request.

**Knit and Knatter:** This Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**Dates for your Diary:** St Chad's Singers Concert Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, Christmas Fair 25<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon-2pm, Advent Retreat day Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am-3pm.

**Children's Liturgy:** has now finished for the summer and will resume on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please take a look at the noticeboard in the hall foyer to see what our children have been learning in their liturgy.

**\*\*Volunteers needed:** to help with Church cleaning on Monday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am. If you can spare some time to help with this we would be very grateful. Please speak to Evelyn or email the parish\*\*

**Shrewsbury Cathedral:** After many months of refurbishment (and recent closure as the final elements of the reordering were completed), our Cathedral is once again open. They are offering Cathedral Pilgrimages, with a tour of the Cathedral, Mass at 12:15 and lunch in the on-site Orchard Café. The price of the pilgrimage would be £12 per person (which includes the lunch) plus travel cost. If you would be interested in this, please sign up on the 'Expression of Interest' form in the porch. Please note that signing up at this stage is not binding, it's just to give us an idea of how many might be interested. Thank you.

**Footsteps:** You are warmly invited to come to **Footsteps** on **Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm** in the large parish centre of **St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA**. Footsteps is a series of presentations by invited speakers who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith. **Dr Sr Helen Costigane** is coming from London to share her thoughts on what might prevent us experiencing God's love and mercy. She was the highly inspirational speaker at Loreto's Speech Night in the Bridgewater Hall last year. Footsteps is an informal, friendly event in a café-style setting with refreshments and nibbles, a good sprinkling of humour, lots of parking and good disabled access.

**Diocesan Vacancy:** Welfare Officer: The Diocese is looking to appoint a Welfare Officer to care for our sick and retired priests. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role and application form, please visit the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>. Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Closing date 25th August 2023.

**CAFOD Vacancy:** CAFOD is recruiting! Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, by working to overcome poverty and injustice? Could you work for CAFOD within the Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Archdiocese of Birmingham? Are you good at inspiring and working with volunteers? Then you might like to become our Community Participation Coordinator. Use the following link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested: <https://cafod.org.uk/work-with-us>. Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 or contact John Woods via [jwoods@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jwoods@cafod.org.uk)

**Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage:** The Diocesan Annual Marriage Mass is to be held this year for the first time since February 2020. It will be celebrated on Saturday October 14th at 12noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Bishop Mark invites couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples to attend for their first anniversary. This invitation is also extended to couples who celebrated their wedding in 2021 and 2022. If you wish to be present, please email your details, including your names, address and particular anniversary, to the parish, or else write your details down and put them through the presbytery door or give them to Fr Louis or Victoria. We can then arrange for a personal invitation to be sent to you.

**Baptisms:** The next course takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Book a place by emailing [stannsheadlehulme@gmail.com](mailto:stannsheadlehulme@gmail.com). Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form along with you.

**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

**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.