

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A

This Tuesday we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is taken up Body and Soul into heavenly glory and is exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things. This belief is part of the treasury of the Roman Catholic Church and Orthodox Churches. This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 and it states that “the virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. Mary’s assumption into heaven is a privilege given to her before the rest of us, for being the most blessed of all women, the first and perfect disciple of Christ.

As the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary has always been the subject of intense devotion. She was an exceptionally holy and sinless human being chosen by God to the bearer of His Incarnate Word, making her instrumental in the salvation of the world.

The Feast of the Assumption is our Lady’s primary feast day because it celebrates her assumption into heaven as the Mother of God, as one of the first humans to achieve salvation and eternal life through her son the redeemer. With her assumption, her role as the God-bearer is fulfilled and she is crowned in glory as Queen of heaven, the most holy of the Saints, and human being dwelling closest to God the Trinity, interceding for us. Mary has a prominent role in the devotion of Christians and she provides an example of perfect faithfulness and obedience to God for us to imitate.

**“Let us look up. Heaven is open. It does not inculcate fear. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven, a mother, our mother, is waiting for us. She loves us, she smiles at us and she thoughtfully assists us.” Pope Francis.**

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### Mass Times & Intentions

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| 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<br>St Ann's | 9.30am<br>11am | For the parishioners of St Chad's & St Ann's<br>Benny Healy RIP |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>  | St Ann's              | 10am           | Jim Griffin RIP   |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary   | St Ann's<br>St Chad's | 10am<br>6.30pm | Peter & Moira La Mattina<br>Canon Paul Daly                     |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>  | No Mass               |                |   |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>  | St Chad's             | 9.30am         | Celia Cusack RIP  |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>  | St Ann's              | 10am           | Barbara Thornberry RIP  |
| Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Vigil  | St Ann's              | 5pm            | Joan Murray RIP   |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A | St Chad's<br>St Ann's | 9.30am<br>11am | Rev Joy Levine<br>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 September with Mass Intentions.

**Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember:** George Hislop, Evelyn Halstead, Edith Williams, Agnes Davidson, Agnes Madden, Agnes Collins, John McCormack, Margaret Carter, John Smith, Monica Charnock, William Dolan, Bernard Jennings, Harry Wren, Frank Carroll, Terence Baglin, David Draycott, Susan Coulson, Anne Brook, Eleatha Widdows, Andrew Morris, Effie Carrigher, Chris Carroll, Philip Paredes, Bill Dolan 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.

**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.

**St. Chad's Players:** Pantomime rehearsals begin on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in the church hall and then continue every Sunday evening between 5 pm and 7 pm with longer Sunday rehearsals, and possibly some rehearsals on other days, near the time of the performances. We would welcome new members of all ages for both on-stage and off-stage. The Pantomime will take place 26-28 January 2024. Please contact John Murray on 07836-355182 if you are interested or require more information.

**Diocesan Vacancies: 1) 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.

**2) Parish Secretary/Admin Support:** This would be based at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, SK3 8BQ. 16 hours per week @ £13per hour. Closing date: Monday 11 September. Interviews will take place in the middle of September. CV's should be sent Fr Martin Onuoha [stockport3parishes@gmail.com](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com) For further details please follow this link: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

**Love the stranger and the illegal migration act:** In response to the passing of the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament in July, Bishop Paul McAleenan, the lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, has stated '*This legislation stands at odds with the teaching of the church on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating refugees*'. The 'Love the Stranger' publication from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales provides a Catholic response to migrants and refugees and can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/03/CBCEW-Love-the-Stranger-A4.pdf>. The accompanying Call to Action document from the national Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) can be found at:

<https://www.csan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Call-to-Action-for-Love-the-Stranger-March-2023-.pdf>.

Caritas Shrewsbury as a CSAN member is supporting diocesan study and action in response to Love the Stranger and the Call to Action. Please get in touch with them if you can help speak up about this issue - Telephone: 0151 652 1281; Mobile: 07824 329344; Email: [ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) CSAN's update on this topic including links to the documents can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023>

**Baptisms:** The next course takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Book a place by emailing [stannsheadleholme@gmail.com](mailto:stannsheadleholme@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.