

## The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle

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### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time A

**Elderly people wear the crown of long experience, and they can boast of nothing finer than their fear of the Lord. Sirach 25:6**

Prayerful Greetings to you all. This week we celebrate the life of our elderly parishioners and also those who are grandparents. This celebration is to acknowledge that old age is not a disease but it is a privileged time and a time of grace in our life. The Elderly and grandparents are the prayer units of the Church and longevity, according to the Biblical tradition, is a blessing. Discarding the elderly is equal to the betrayal of humanity. Therefore, we acknowledge their wisdom and memory and we respect their history and experience in their life.

The Catholic Church has a great history of accompanying elderly people. The Social Teaching of the Church gives priority to the old age and considers that the character of old age is a gift. However, in our modern “use and throw away culture” old age is not always respected and esteemed as it should be. There is an attitude among some that values only youth, physical vigour, usefulness and productivity. Such an attitude is contrary to the Gospel and the teaching of the Church. The elderly must never be marginalized or neglected. The commandment of love includes generous attention to the elderly in our families and communities. Respect for the elderly is an essential part of our faith. It falls within the fourth commandment: **Honour your father and your mother**. St. John Paul II reminds us that *honouring older people involves a threefold duty: welcoming them, helping them and making good use of their qualities*.

The proportion of elderly in the population is rapidly increasing both nationally and globally because of technological, economic, social and cultural factors, as well as the declining birth rate and increasing life expectancy. So we need to give more respect, care and protection to our elderly people because they are our role models. They are the real witnesses of success in their life by hard work, rest on holidays, go to bed early, constant prayer and respect, and love of God. There is a special blessing for all elderly/grandparents at our Mass today. **Fr. Louis**

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### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Colin McNicholls RIP
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9.30am</b> 11am	<b>Kevin Doyle RIP</b> For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Mavis Priestly RIP
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	10am <b>6.30pm</b>	For Richard Tomcazak (Recovery) <b>Tony Moores RIP</b>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>St Chad's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Olive O'Rourke RIP</b>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Deceased members of the Hayes Family
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Peter Briodigan RIP
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9.30am</b> 11am	<b>Jane &amp; John Foster RIP</b> In thanksgiving for baby Nico Xavier

Please note that the funeral service for Maura Costello will take place on this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.30am.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Thank you.

***Please pray** for all those who are sick. We pray for Maura Costello, Vincent Booth and all those who have died recently. We also remember: Roy Wilson, John Duffy, John Jeffries, Carmen Sullivan, Pat Prees, Eva Lister, Marie Kenny, Veronica Dudley, Brian Whelan, Kathleen Sweeney, Francesca Baccas, Nora Wallace, Frank Cocking, Gertrude Dooley, Margaret Simpson, Mike McKeigue, Pat McCarron, Helen McDonald, Flo Barker, Tom McKeever, Tom Ryan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament:** every Thursday 10am-6pm. Please sign up for a slot.

**Rosary:** has resumed and is said every Thursday and Sunday at 9am.

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

**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday:** We'll have a second collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday next weekend

**RCIA Programme:** We will begin our RCIA programme on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7pm-9pm. The programme will be run jointly with St Ann's, with the venue (either St Chad's or St Ann's) to be confirmed. The programme is for all those who would like to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2024 and will last 19 weeks (12 weeks up to December and 7 weeks in Jan-Feb). Any parishioners who would like to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith are also welcome to come along. If you would like to join the programme, or would be interested in helping to lead the programme, please speak to Fr Louis or Victoria or email the parish.

**Wellspring:** Next Sunday (September 24<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday of the month and so there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The particular items which Wellspring need at the moment are tinned meats, multipacks of chocolate biscuits and crisps, eggs, long life semi-skimmed milk and sugar. Thank you.

**Thursday Coffee morning:** Raised £61 for St Ann's Hospice. Thank you very much

**Shrewsbury Cathedral:** If you are interested in coming, please can you add your name to the sheet and tick your preferred date or dates (you can tick all you can do) as soon as possible. We will go with which date suits the majority. The cost will be £12 for the Cathedral tour and lunch plus approx £15-£20 for the coach (this will depend on how many go). The coach would leave St Chad's at 8.45am and pick up at St Ann's at 9am. The plan would be to arrive in time for Confessions/quiet prayer before Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch 1pm, Tour from 2pm - lasts about an hour. The place where a coach can drop off is approximately a 10 minute walk from the Cathedral. We would leave Shrewsbury around 3.30pm to return approx 5.30pm. Thank you.

**Cheadle Catholic Infant School Open Evenings:** We will be hosting four Open Evenings this year for 2024 prospective parents. They will be held on: **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm.** If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2024 please ask them to email [admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk) in order to book a place.

**St. Chad's Players:** Pantomime have now begun and will continue in the church hall every Sunday evening between 5 pm and 7 pm. 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 interested.

**Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality:** The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

**Baptisms:** Both parents must attend an evening course, either separately or together, before the baptism of their child. The one will be on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Room at St Ann's. You can book a place by emailing [stannscheadlehulme@gmail.com](mailto:stannscheadlehulme@gmail.com). Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form (downloadable from our website) with you to the course and only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed.

**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.