

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

Sunday 17th December 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 16 th Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Paddy Bergin RIP
Sun 17 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Alison Ashworth RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Mon 18 th	St Ann's	10am	Victoria Stewart RIP
Tues 19 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Bea Bermingham RIP Tom Mulrooney RIP
Wed 20 th	No Mass		
Thurs 21 st	St Chad's	9.30am	Desmond Flanagan RIP
Fri 22 nd	St Ann's	10am	Patrick Campbell RIP
Sat 23 rd Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Colin McNichols
Sun 24 th 4 th Sunday of Advent	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Olive O'Rourke RIP Barbara Milns RIP
Christmas Vigil Mass	St Ann's	5.30pm	Brendan Loftus RIP
Midnight Mass beginning with Carols	St Chad's	8.30pm	Tony Moores RIP
Midnight Mass beginning with Carols	St Ann's	9.30pm	Angie RIP
Mon 25 th The Nativity of the Lord	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Sheilagh Tynan RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Tues 26 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Tom Hulse RIP Margaret Bell RIP

This Sunday we will have a special blessing for all those who work in Education.

Mass Intentions: Envelopes available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we do have quite a backlog of intentions as we only have 3 Masses per week. We will try to list intentions asap, and as near as possible to the dates required. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Frances Kingsley, Constance Allen, Fr. Danny, Rose Bennet, Emily Dunne, Thomas Bell, Kenneth Taylor, Ernest Lavelle, Susan McGuinness, Anne Walsh, Frederick Hopkinson, Geraldine Stevenson, John Stevenson, Hannah Stevenson, Rachael Stevenson, Patrick Brennan, Joseph Booth, William McCarthy, Ted Seddon, Peter Schofield, Gertrude Walker and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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

Adoration: has now paused and will resume in February 2024.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £81 for 'Become' a charity which supports children who are in, or have just left care.

SVP: This Sunday (December 17th), there will be a retiring collection for the SVP. If you wish gift aid to be added to your offering, please place your donation and your details on one of the envelopes. Thank you.

SVP: If you are lonely and would like to receive regular visits from members of St. Chad's SVP, and/or you know of other people in this position, please speak to any member of St. Chad's SVP.

Christmas Flowers: if you would like to make a donation towards Church flowers for Christmas, please place your contribution in one of the envelopes at the back of church and place in the offertory basket or post through the presbytery door. Thank you.

Piety Stall: There are still a few Christmas Cards/Gifts available on the piety stall. Items are on display in the hall foyer. If you ordered a diary they are now labelled and ready to collect from the piety stall. Please pay when you collect it. If you haven't ordered a diary but would like one, there are a few spares available on a first-come-first-served basis. Thank you.

St Chad's Players The 2024 pantomime will be Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and will be performed Fri 26th Jan at 7.30, Sat 27th Jan at 7.30 and Sun 28th Jan at 2.30- Please note that Sunday is now sold out. Tickets (Adults £5 and Concessions £4) will be on sale after the Sunday masses from this weekend or can be reserved by ringing John Murray on 282-5567 or 07836-355182.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal (IPC): You can donate at cafod.org.uk/ipc to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Retrouvaille – Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lourdes Hospitality Update Further to the recent AGM, the officers have been meeting monthly to discuss the issues raised and future plans. A face-to-face meeting for all members will be held on Saturday 20th January 2024 (venue and time to be confirmed). In the meantime, if you have any questions for us, please send an email to : secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Vocations to the Priesthood: Bishop Mark writes that it is encouraging to see men continuing coming forward for the Priesthood in the service of the Diocese. He is grateful for all your prayer and encouragement, and Masses offered for vocations. We are blessed with candidates who will be seeking to make application for the Diocese next year and an active Diocesan Vocations Group. Bishop Mark hopes we will soon see the 'Discernment House' project, that has proved so fruitful for the Diocese, back into action in the year ahead and linked to the prayer of the Eucharistic Shrine at Saint Joseph's. Bishop Mark was recently able to visit our 6 seminarians at Saint Mary's College, Oscott; and 1 seminarian in the English College in Valladolid. Please keep all our seminarians and discerners in your prayers.

Baptisms: Please note there will be NO COURSE in January. The next course will be Thursday 1st February 2024 at 7pm at St Ann's. You can book a place by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com. Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form (download on our website) with you to the course and only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed.

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.

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