

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 31st December 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 30 th Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Frank O'Sullivan
Sun 31 st Holy Family	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Michael Walsh RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's and St Chad's
Mon 1 st January	St Ann's	10am	Julie Hindmarch
Tues 2 nd	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Tom Hulse RIP Mary Maguire RIP
Wed 3 rd	No Mass		
Thurs 4 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Mary & Pat Ballantyne
Fri 5 th			Mary Lawlor RIP
Sat 6 th Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Danielle Meillon RIP
Sun 7 th The Epiphany	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Judith Gill RIP & David Gill RIP 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 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 Fr Paul Lomas and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: James Abberton, Doreen West, Desmond Ward, Mary Nicholls, Jack Calderbank, Edith Curran, Elizabeth Sutton, Arthur Hogan, Margaret Turner, George Chilton, Charles Lowey, Wilfred Andrews, Margaret Appleby, Joseph Healey, John Gill, Kathleen Britland, Edward Bettley, Ellen Gilmore, Ellen Newton, Joseph Woodman, Florence McGuire, Mary Ahearne, Edward Telford, Eric Chaisty, Stephen Sheeran, Elizabeth Mallalieu, Mary Hannan, Helena Duffy, Reginald Skerrett, John Grant and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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

CONFIRMATION 2024: The dates for Confirmation 2024 are as follows:

Session 1 – Friday 2nd Feb 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 2 – Friday 23rd Feb 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 3 – Friday 8th March 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 4 – Friday 22nd March 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 5 – Friday 26th April 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 6 – Friday 17th May 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 7 – Friday 14th June 7pm to 8.30pm

Session 8 & Away Day – Sunday 23rd June 12pm to 4pm

Confirmation – Friday 28th June at 7pm.

Once again this year, it will be a joint LMA Confirmation programme, involving candidates from Christ Church, St Ann's & St Chad's. The sessions will take place in the parish hall at Christ Church and the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team will be involved. Details of how and when to register for the programme will be confirmed in the newsletter next Sunday.

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.

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.

Christmas Cards for the SVP: After Christmas, please place your used Christmas cards (or at least the picture parts) in the bag at the back of church. They will be given to the Minnie Vinnies and the Youth SVP later on in the year to make them into new Christmas cards, which will go to the families, particularly children, of prisoners and to vulnerable, isolated prisoners without friends or family.

Wellspring: As this Sunday (December 31st) is the last Sunday of the month and so there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed are bread, chocolates, multi-packs of chocolate biscuits and crisps, tins of custard, rice pudding and mixed fruit, tinned, fresh or frozen meat and vegetables, cooked meats for sandwich-fillings, cheese, long-life milk, sugar, coffee, cordial, baked beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, brown sauce, gravy, cooking oil, butter, pepper and eggs. Thank you.

Anointing Mass: Please note that there will be no Anointing Mass in January. The next one will be on Thursday 1st February at 9:30am here at St Chad's.

Thursday Coffee Morning: will resume on Thursday 11th January 2024

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.

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