

The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle

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Sunday 11th February 2024 – 6th Sunday Ordinary Time B

Greetings and Prayers to you all. This week we begin another season, the Holy Season of Lent. A great opportunity for a reality check on the strength of the three pillars of our spiritual life: Prayer, Penance, and Almsgiving. *Prayer*: a personal encounter with God. We listen to Him actively and respond to Him generously. *Penance* is the joyful love of a heart wanting to give more. *Almsgiving* is reaching out the needy and sharing what we have. This is not an occasion to parade our spiritual activities before others. But a time to think and meditate what can I do for my God. As Pope Francis reminds us, Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the mistakes we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world and to reject lies and hypocrisy. Lent is the high tide of God's grace. As we begin our Lent, we customarily receive ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. The ashes mean I am a sinner and the Cross means I have a Saviour. So with profound faith let us acknowledge that with God, we will rise from our ashes, but without Him we are dust. This public mark signifies our turning again to God, seeking His mercy, forgiveness, and help. We hear the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Yes, we cannot pretend otherwise. Therefore, on this Ash Wednesday, let us embrace our vulnerability, acknowledge our brokenness, and seek healing. Let us remember that we are dust, but we are also beloved children of God. May this season of Lent be a time of growth, renewal, and deepening our relationship with the everlasting love – God. God Bless, Fr Louis

Today we will have a special blessing for all those who Minister and Volunteer in our Church

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 10 th Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Sun 11 th 6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Shelagh Ryan Bala Mahinda Thangundla RIP
Mon 12 th	St Ann's	10am	
Tues 13 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Service of Word and Communion Service of Word and Communion
Wed 14 th Ash Wednesday	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Dennis & Grace Potter Esther Boles RIP
Thurs 15 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Melissa Patterson RIP
Fri 16 th	St Ann's	10am	November List
Sat 17 th Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Paddy Bergin
Sun 18 th 1 st Sunday Lent Year B	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Kathleen Maxwell 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 all those who have died recently. We also remember: Christopher Strahand, Trevor Dell, James Lukeman, Thomas Foley, Jack Vowles, Philip Griffin, Agnes Walsh, James Green, Christine Matthews, William John Hall, Elizabeth Ward, Catherine Yielding, Matthew Humphries, Raymond Strong, Yvette Telford, James Hall, Mary Tiernan Brennan, Kathleen Maxwell, Ellen Reid, Violet McDonough, Gladys Harrison, Margaret Lea, Andrew McBride, Cornelius Curry, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Joseph Duffy and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Adoration: Every Thursday 10am-6pm. Please sign up for a slot on the sheet at the back of church. During Lent we will also have time of Adoration from 5.30pm on Tuesday evenings before the 6.30pm Mass.

Vacancy: We are looking to appoint a **Housekeeper/Cook for 8 hours per week with potentially more hours in future to be based at the presbytery at St Chad's**. Hourly rate: £12.50 per hour, Days/Hours Worked: Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm, Permanent Position. Role will include both cooking and cleaning. For the job description and information on how to apply, please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 21st February 2024.

Stations of the Cross: every Friday evening at 7pm starting from 16th February.

SVP: This Sunday (February 11th), there will be a retiring collection for the SVP.

Money Matters: During January we received £1878.70 in Standing Orders, £793.83 in the collection, £178.66 for the Retired Priests Fund and £279.80 for World Leprosy Mission. Thank you very much.

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 AGM: will take place today (11th) at 11.00 in the church hall.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £56 for Wellspring. Thank you very much

Knit and Knatter: takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1pm-3pm in the church hall. Next session is Wednesday 14th February. Join us to help knit items for our Easter fundraising for The Little Sisters of the Poor or simply come along for a knatter. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council: the next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place on Monday 19th February. If you have anything you would like to be raised, please speak to a member of the PPC or email stchadsheadle@gmail.com. There is a list of PPC members on the noticeboards at the back of church.

Diocesan Choir Festival 'Sing a New Song': Come and join us for our first Diocesan Choir Festival! Sing as part of a Diocesan Choir, learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm. Saturday 24th February 10.30am-4.30pm followed by Mass at 5pm, at St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Cost £5 per person payable on the day. Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Registration/Refreshments from 10.30am with rehearsals beginning at 11am. Booking required by completing the registration form <http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival>. Deadline for bookings Friday 16th February. For more information please email reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org All welcome!

CAFOD Big Lent Walk - a few of our parishioners are undertaking the CAFOD challenge to walk 200km during Lent. Some walks they will do independently with some joint parish walks along the way. If you would like to join them, please see Pauline Collinge and she will give you more information. All welcome and if you can't commit to the whole 40 days you would be most welcome to join for the group walks. They will be collecting sponsorship outside church after Mass. Thank you.

St Peter's, Hazel Grove: As part of the centenary celebrations for St Peter's parish in Hazel Grove, there will be a day with David Wells on Saturday 2 March in the parish centre from 9.30am to 4pm. You are invited to come along and hear this brilliant speaker, who has decided to base the day on the theme of Pilgrims of hope – How to live our faith in a perplexed and broken world Part one: The challenge to live authentically. Part two: The challenge to listen and discern. David will focus our attention on the culture we live in, the challenge to be happy in our own skins and the missionary call to hear the cries of the poor. He is a delightful, engaging and entertaining speaker of international acclaim. Find out more here: <https://davidwellslive.com>. Do come and share the day – and bring a packed lunch.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Brochures and booking forms are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or by ringing 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16 – 22 please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: by air is from Friday 26 July to Thursday 1 August, by coach Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August and for our young people Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

Parish Mission at St Joseph's – 4-6 March 2024, Sr Briega McKenna will visit to lead in our Mission during Lent. There will be a talk after the 12 noon Mass each day, with the Main Mission evenings at 7pm. On the first evening (4th) there will be a talk and confession, on the other evenings, we will begin with Mass at 7pm, followed by a talk. We encourage you to bring others with you, especially those who may have drifted away from the practice of the faith. Sr Briega has a powerful presence and testimony. All welcome. To register your attendance please email us stockportshrine@gmail.com.

Baptisms: The next course will be Thursday 7th March 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.