

The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle

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Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

Parish Mission Statement: *We the parish of St Chad strive to...*

Love God, respect ourselves, others and our world, in the service of our community.

Greetings and Prayers to you all. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important time of the liturgical year. These days are the time of intense prayer and meditation, especially on the Paschal mystery of Christ. A summary of human life can be experienced if one were to accompany Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter. On Palm Sunday Jesus is apparently at the height of his popularity after having received a rousing welcome because of his fame as a wonder-working teacher. As we enter into Holy Week, everything changes to betrayal, torture, and death. The admiring throng and hosannas are things of the past. Even being a participant in the Last Supper does not prevent one from betraying Jesus. The man dying on the cross like a common criminal does not in any way appear like the Messiah who was acclaimed just a few days earlier. Jesus' story can be our story. What we contemplate today and this Week is a graphic and realistic account of what every human life is. Finally, the victory is ours! Let us Pray: Lord God, as we go through this Holy week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for redemption that Your son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness you have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord. **Fr Louis.**

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 23 rd Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Gerry Healy RIP
Sun 24 th Palm Sunday	St Chad's St Ann's	*9.15am * 11am	Colette Morrissey RIP For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad
Mon 25 th	St Ann's	10am	Mary Kingston RIP
Tues 26 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Annie & Bill Maloney RIP Olive O'Rourke RIP
Wed 27 th	No Mass		
Thurs 28 th Maundy Thursday	St Chad's St Ann's	6.30pm 8pm	Pat Thompson RIP Watching until 9pm followed by Night Prayer Mary Greene RIP
Fri 29 th Good Friday	St Chad's	9.30am 3pm	Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
Sat 30 th Easter Vigil	St Chad's	8pm	Mary Gibbons RIP
Sun 31 st Easter Sunday	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Karen Thorne RIP Special Intention (Jose Morrissey & Family)

Please note that there is no Mass on Thursday morning and there will be no Masses at either St Chad's or St Ann's on Monday 1st April or Tuesday 2nd April

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: Leo McEwan, Ellen Hogg, Patrick Gibbons, Kathleen Moore, Mary Jones, Mary Patricia Hulme, Patricia Ann Thompson, Mary Locke, Winifred Eckett, Sidney Felton, Annie Leyman, Colleen Collins, Catherine Kearney, Mary Appleby, William Richardson, Henrietta Gorna, John White, William Summerfield and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.**

Adoration: There is no Adoration this Thursday. This will resume on Thursday 4th April.

Wellspring: Next Sunday (March 31st) is the last Sunday of the month and so there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed are sleeping bags, clothes, particularly underwear, long-life milk, custard powder and sugar. 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.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £59.90 for parish funds. Thank you very much

Film event at St Vincent de Paul, Bramhall: TODAY (Palm Sunday 24 March 2024) at 5pm, all welcome. The film, 'The Passion of the Christ.' Director; Mel Gibson. This film follows the final Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, commencing with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and leading up to the death of Jesus. The film is not in English, Subtitles will be on. Free to attend. Donations are, however, welcome but not obligatory. Cert 18 - Adults only.

Knit and Knatter: meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1pm-3pm in the church hall. They will meet again on Wednesday 10th April. All welcome. Today is the last day the group will be selling Easter goodies, all proceeds will go to The Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

Cheadle Catholic: Applications for nursery places for September 2024 are still being accepted online. Closing date is **31st March 2024**. www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk.

Attention all Gift Aid Donors The tax year 2023/24 will be coming to an end on 5th April and the Parish will then undertake the process of claiming back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Mary McPeake know at Sunday Mass or by contacting her on 07929 075746, 0161 432 3284 or by e-mail: m.mcpeake@btinternet.com by 5th April, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations made in the tax year. As an *indication* for each £1 per week that you donate through Gift Aid, you must have paid £13 per year in income tax; for each £5 per month that you donate through Gift Aid you must have paid £15 in income tax. Additionally, if you are in the Gift Aid scheme and have moved house in the last year, please will you let Mary know.

Vacancy: We are looking to appoint a **Cook for 6 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 10am-1pm, Permanent Position. For the job description and information on how to apply, please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Easter Flowers: if you would like to donate towards our Easter Flowers, please leave your offering in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' and either place in the offertory basket or post through the presbytery door.

Holy Hour at Christ Church: 'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!' St Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:20. You are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour for Easter. A time of prayer with worship music & Scripture readings before the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green, SK8 3DY on Sunday 14th April 2024, 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm. Please make any requests for the zoom link/ password to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

Vacancy A vacancy has arisen for a Cook at St Joseph's Stockport. Hours: 12 per week @ £12.50 per hour. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings). Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 26 March. More details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>

Vacancy: The Upper Room are looking for a Cafe Chef/Cook. Hours: 28 pw over 5 shifts Monday—Saturday (flexible working will be available for some of the hours) Salary: £18,500 per annum Closing date: Tuesday 2nd April. See poster at back of church for more information. For an application pack please contact: The Upper Room Café or the Church Office churchoffice@cheadle.org.uk 0161 428 8050

Baptisms: The next course will be on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7pm at St Ann's. You can book a place by emailing stannscheadlehulme@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.