

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 21st April 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter B

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.

Special Blessing: Today we will have a special blessing In Thanksgiving for all of our Priests and also pray in a special way for Vocations.

Greetings and Prayers to you all. This Sunday we celebrate ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday. A day when we pray for vocations to priesthood; when we pray for the flock that priest are called to serve and tender; when we remember with sadness and compassion the sheep that have left the sheepfold. On this auspicious occasion, let us remember all our good shepherds who worked hard in the vineyard of the Lord, and let us also reflect on the modern mentality that the Priest is always wrong: If he begins his Mass on time, his watch is fast. If he begins a minute late, he keeps people waiting. If he preaches too long, he makes people bored. If he has a short homily, he is unprepared. If he owns a car, he is extravagant. If he does not own one, he is not with the times. If he visits families, he is always out. If he does not, he has no concern for them. If he asks for donations, he is a money-grabber. If he does not, he is too proud and lazy. If he takes time in the confessional, he is too slow. If he makes it fast, he has no time for his penitents. If he renovates the church, he throws away money. If he does not, he has no initiative. If he works with the elderly, he is old-fashioned. If he works with the youth, he is flighty and modern. If he is seen with women, he is a playboy. If he keeps company only with men, he is immature. If he is young, he has no experience. If he is old, he should retire. As long as he lives... There are always people who are better than him. But if he dies... There is no one to take his place.

St. Augustine: “With you I am a sheep, for you I am a shepherd. The fact that I am a Christian is to my advantage; the fact that I am a shepherd is for your advantage.” Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 20 th	St Ann’s	5pm	For the parishioners of St Ann’s & St Chad’s
Sun 21 st 4 th Sunday of Easter	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Pat Thompson RIP Monica Harrop RIP
Mon 22 nd	St Ann’s	10am	Sheila O’Shea
Tues 23 rd	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	John Keefe RIP Gordon Bullock RIP
Wed 24 th	No Mass		
Thurs 25 th	St Chad’s	9.30am	John Murray RIP
Fri 26 th	St Ann’s	10am	For Guidance for Philippa & Denise
Sat 27 th	St Ann’s	5pm	Maureen Clarke RIP
Sun 28 th 5 th Sunday of Easter	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Michael Ward 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.

Adoration: every Thursday from 10am-6pm. Please sign up for a slot on the sheet at the back of church.

Confessions: Every Tuesday before the 6.30pm Mass, from 5.30pm until around 6.15pm. Also on request.

Rosary: We will pray the Rosary before the 9.30am Masses on Sunday and Thursday.

Knit and Knatter: meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1pm-3pm in the church hall – the next session will be THIS Wednesday 24th April. All welcome.

Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Frederick Murtagh, James Crewdson, Sheila Cliff, Mary Slingsby, Ged Parkinson, Connie Jennings, Mary Smith, Wilf Golding, Michael Collins, Barbara Hart, Pauline Gannon, Kathleen Kirk, John Mullen, James Brady, Norah Kennedy, Elizabeth McCreanor, Belle Bingham, Anne Nicholson, Evelyn Dewhurst, John Herson, Antoine Sant, John Powell and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

MISSIO - RED BOX: Many thanks to all those who brought in the money from their Missio Red Boxes and donated via direct debit. In 2023, St Chads raised a total of £797.23 The total for Shrewsbury Diocese was £130,000 and the total for England & Wales was just over £2m. Thank you again.

John Campbell RIP John Campbell's funeral will be at 11.00 on Friday April 26th at St. Vincent's, Bramhall. John was the chief brancardier for the Lourdes diocesan pilgrimage for many years and was well known by many parishioners.

Wellspring Next Sunday (April 28th) is the last Sunday of the month and so there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed are tinned meats, potatoes, long-life milk, tinned custard and bottles of cordial. Thank you.

Footsteps: Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm with Anthony Delaney from the Ivy Church in Didsbury. He will talk on 'The art of survival – how to get through whatever you have to go through.' It's a message he has been speaking on in various settings including in the Middle East in recent months so it sounds like it will be very thought provoking. Meet in the parish centre of St Peter's, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA.

Pilgrimage to Knock: Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 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: from Friday 26th July to Thursday 1st August; by coach: Thursday 25th July to Friday 2nd August and for our young people: Wednesday 24th July to Friday 2nd August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

Our Lady and the Apostles Pilgrimage 2024 is to Poland. The dates are 23 - 27 Sept 2024 and cost is £630, 1/2 board (sharing). Flights are from Manchester to Krakow. We will be visiting St Mary's Basilica, the Bishops palace, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, Auschwitz, Jasna Gora Sanctuary and many other optional visits. Pilgrimage Spiritual Lead: Fr. Martin Onuoha Contact unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com for more information.

Vacancies: 1) The Diocese is seeking to recruit a Director of Schools and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>

2) St Philip's Catholic Primary School, Stockport, is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. Closing date for applications is Wed 24th April. More information can be found at: <https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123>

Good Counsel Network: On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Diocesan Mass for the Celebration of Marriage 2024: The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The event is open to those who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples. If you are eligible and would like to attend please speak to Fr Louis or email stannschheadleholme@gmail.com.

Baptisms: Both parents must attend an evening course, either separately or together, before the baptism of their child. The next course will be on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7pm at St Ann's. You can book a place by emailing stannschheadleholme@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.