The Catholic Parish of St. Chad, Cheadle

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Sunday 29th **September 2024 – 26**th **Sunday Year 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.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024: Greetings and prayers to you all. Today we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Church has been observing this day since 1914. The theme this year is "God walks with His people." Let us reflect on the message of Pope Francis on this special day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis: On this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the Promised Land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord. Likewise, it is possible to see in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland. Their journeys of hope remind us that "our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:20).

The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair. Yet the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies his people and all his children in every time and place. God's presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: "The Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you" (Deut 31:6). For the people who came out of Egypt, this presence manifested itself in different forms: a pillar of cloud and fire showing and illuminating the way (Ex 13:21), the meeting tent that protected the ark of the covenant, making God's closeness tangible (Ex 33:7), the pole with the bronze serpent assuring divine protection (Nm 21:8-9), manna and water (Ex 16-17) as God's gifts to the hungry and thirsty people. The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord. During David's reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that he could walk with his people, "from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling" (1Chr 17:5). Many migrants experience God as their traveling companion, guide and anchor of salvation. In Him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement and there are good Samaritans along the way. In prayer, they confide their hopes to him. How many Bibles, copies of the Gospels, prayer books and rosaries accompany migrants on their journeys across deserts, rivers, seas and the borders of every continent! The encounter with migrants is an encounter with Christ. Therefore, let us welcome our migrants refugees with Christian Spirit hospitality. and а

Anointing Mass: beginning in October these will now take place monthly at each of our three parishes as follows: First Tuesday of the month: St Ann's 10am Mass, First Wednesday of the month: Christ Church 10am Mass, First Thursday of the month: St Chad's 9.30am Mass. Bring along your loved ones who are sick, suffering or housebound, to be anointed with Holy Oil, receive Holy Communion and, if needed, make their confession. You are all invited to be anointed if you wish. The Masses will be followed by refreshments. At St Chad's, our anointing Mass will take place this Thursday 1st October at 9.30am All welcome.

Ladies Group: Next meeting is on Monday 7th October at 7pm. Our dear Tom Fanning will be with us to give a talk on the history of Barnes Hospital. Everyone welcome to join us for the evening.

Wellspring: As this Sunday (September 29th) will be the last Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. What are most needed at the moment are sandwich-fillings, e.g. cooked meats and cheese, sugar, long-life milk, breakfast cereals, particularly Weetabix, and warm winter clothes for men and women. Thank you.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 28 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Hilda Wallace RIP Caroline O'Sullivan Recovery
Sun 29 th , 26 th Sun Year B	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.15am 11am 11am	Anne & Matt Coen Esther Boles RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Peter Gately R.I.P.
Mon 30 th St Jerome	St Ann's	10am	Bea Bermingham RIP
Tues 1 st St Theresa of the Child Jesus	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	For everyone on the Sick List Bob Forsyth RIP Kevin Ruanye RIP
Wed 2 nd Guardian Angels	Christ Church	10am	Mary Roache RIP
Thurs 3 rd	St Chad's	9.30am	Thomas Taylor RIP
Fri 4 th St Francis of Assisi	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10.30am	Frank Murphy RIP Requiem Mass for Dorothy Brady
Sat 5 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Christall Vasiliou RIP Theresa Hession RIP
Sun 6 th , 27 th Sun Year B	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Mary & Peter Flanagan RIP Deceased members of the Furphy Family Paolo Pogliano & Fernanda Cremonti RIP
CONFESSIONS	St Chad's: Tuesdays 6.00pm-6.25pm Christ Church: Wednesdays 9.15am – 9.45am St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm At other times by request		
ADORATION	St Chad's Thursdays 10am-6pm *please sign up for a slot* Christ Church Wednesdays at 9am -10am & Fridays 10.30am-11am St Ann's Fridays 10am-5pm (resumes on 20 th September)		
ROSARY	St Chad's: 9am every Sunday and Thursday. St Ann's: 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday		

^{*}Please note that our Sunday Mass next weekend reverts to the usual time of 9.30am

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. Please let us know if you would like to add anyone to our prayer list. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: William Dunne, Alice Booth, Thomas Moran, Joan Smith, Mary Cosgrave, Esther Cartledge, Elizabeth Fogarty, Bernard Howell, Joan Flannery, Alfred Hell, John Casey, William Wareing, Catherine Wilkinson, Ellen Dixon, Vincent Mulligan, Mary Hynes, Hilda Burns, George Baker, Winifred Thomas and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Parish Hall Refreshments: Please note that from now on, refreshments will return to being served from the hatch. This is to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4th October. Please take an envelope from the back of church and return your offering on Sunday 6th October.

Open Day at Xaverian College: will take place on Saturday 5th October 10.30am-2pm and Sunday 13th October 10.30-2pm. The days are an opportunity to visit the college campus and to discuss courses, admissions and other matters with subject teachers and senior staff. Feel free to come along. For information contact for more information: admissions@xaverian.ac.uk or call 0161 249 2145.

RCIA Programme: It is still possible to join. The next meeting is tomorrow Monday 30th September, 7pm-8.30pm at St Chad's. If you would like to join the programme, please email <u>stchadscheadle@gmail.com</u>. **Vacancy:** The governors of St James' wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated Teacher of Religious Education to begin in January 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs

Manchester Grace Mission 2024, October 25-27. 3-day Healing & Deliverance Retreat. The retreat shall commence in St Hilda's Church Northenden on Friday 25 October 2024 at 5pm -9:30 pm and followed on Saturday 26 October 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Our Lady's Church Moss Side 4:30 pm -8:30 pm and Sunday 27 October at St Ambrose Church Princess Road, Manchester 12:30 pm -7pm. Contact for details and registration by e-mail to mission2024@jsmeals.co.uk; text/whatsapp 07783715773 / 07540989617 / 07950651115. **Inclusive Mass**: At St Peter's Church, (Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA) on Sunday October 6th, at 2.30pm. Celebrant Fr Pat Munroe. This will be a shorter, more relaxed service, Makaton supported, with sensory activities and low level music to support anyone with sensory needs and those who just enjoy the atmosphere. All welcome. For more information email: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

Cursillo Men's Encounter Weekend: Are you searching for something more in your life? Would you like to grow in faith and understanding? The Cursillo Men's Encounter Weekend is a short course in the Catholic faith. It is not a retreat but an encounter with Self, God and the Christian Community. Cursillo is a global lay movement within the church and has over 1 million members. The weekend will take place in St Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, Merseyside beginning at 7pm on Thursday 21st November and finishing at 5pm on Sunday 24th November 2024. For more details contact Stephen Gallagher on 07851 609832 or via email: stephen_gallag@hotmail.co.uk.

Invitation to an Assisted Dying Public Lecture: The Prime Minister has pledged to have a vote on assisted suicide and Lord Falconer has already tabled a Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. This lecture will be held at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 4PH from 7:30pm - 9pm on **Tuesday 22nd October** and the speaker, Dr Dominic Whitehouse, who is a palliative care consultant currently working in a hospice in Sussex, will be explaining why a change in the law would be harmful to patients, doctors and to society.

Christian Heritage Centre: two upcoming events: 1)St Thomas More and Religious Freedom, 18th October 2024 Join Lord Alton and Dr Marcus Cole for a free evening lecture exploring the legacy of the great saint and martyr of the English Reformation, St Thomas More. Dr Cole is the Dean of Law at the University of Notre Dame and winner of the 2023 Becket Canterbury Medal for Religious Liberty. A drinks reception will follow. Registration required:https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/st-thomas-more-and-religious-freedom/

2) **Praying with St Dominic,** $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ **November 2024** This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register,

https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/

Live Streaming of Masses: Please note that Masses from all three churches are live streamed and can be viewed via links on the respective parish's website home page.

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. The next course will be Thursday 3rd October at St Ann's. Book a place by emailing stannscheadlehulme@gmail.com. Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form with you to the course & only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed. Please note: if your child is over 7 years of age, they will need to join our Children's Sacramental programme - dates to be confirmed.

Weddings: If you are planning to get married either here at St Chad's, outside of the parish or abroad and you live within our parish boundary, you must speak to Fr Louis at least 6 months before your proposed wedding date. This ensures that we have enough time to complete the marriage preparation course and all the relevant paperwork. Any questions please speak to Fr Louis or Victoria.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell & 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.

UPDATE from the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting held on Monday 16th September

Fr Louis explained there has been some confusion over the parish changes. Although he will eventually move to reside at Christ Church, he will remain parish priest of all three churches and will continue to say Mass regularly at all of the churches. Fr Samuel will move to reside at St Chad's.

Our Lady's Prayer Garden – raised £3756.00. St Chad's 300 Club, has donated £500 from their funds to be used towards the garden. The plinth for the statue has been order and the stone mason is expected to come this week to fix the statue in place. Once the statue is in situ, will look at getting benches/flowers put in.

Fr Louis celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Ordination this year. We will have a parish celebration on Tuesday 26th November beginning with Mass at 6.30pm and followed by refreshements. Further information will be shared in due course.

Bereavement Group: discussions are ongoing regarding establishing a parish bereavement group. In November we will hold a special Bereavement Mass for all to remember their loved ones who have died.

Ladies Group: have a steady number regularly attending but would like to encourage others to come along. Their next events are a local history talk in October, a Tropic Skincare evening in November and a Christmas meal out in December.

Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 7th December 12noon-2pm