

The Catholic Parish of St. Chad, Cheadle

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Sunday 16th February 2025 – 5th Sunday Year C

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.

God does not love you according to your merit, but according to your needs. In our Gospel today, Jesus calls the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are hated for his sake “Blessed,” because on one hand, they are the people who need God more, and on the other, they are preferred by God over others. They are blessed because God is definitely on their side. We often notice this in a family with many children. Though, the parents love all the children, they show the neediest one, perhaps the one who is sick or in some difficulty, a little more love. This is the Good News: God does not love you according to your merit, but according to your needs. On the other hand, it is in such situations that we raise our gaze towards God. We truly learn to trust in God and entrust ourselves entirely to Him, believing that our life is in His hands. God is close to us, consoling us, lifting us, and giving us strength in our needs. Fr Louis.

Visitation: We are pleased to announce that Bishop Mark will be visiting the parishes of St. Chad's and St Ann's over the weekend of 1st and 2nd March to celebrate Mass with the parishes.

Wednesday: Our LMA Masses on Ash Wednesday (5th March) will be as follows: St Chad's 6.30pm, St Ann's 10am, Christ Church 10am and 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross: During Lent Stations of the Cross will take place as follows: St Chad's Thursday mornings at 9am, St Ann's Friday mornings at 9.30am and Christ Church Friday evenings at 6.30pm

St Chad's Players: will be holding their AGM in the church hall on Sunday March 2nd at 11.00am.

'Hope: The Autobiography' by Pope Francis: Our parish has purchased several copies of this book that are now available for parishioners to borrow. Please feel free to borrow a copy if you would like to read it. Please write your name, along with the date that you take/return your copy. We kindly ask that, where possible, you keep the book for a maximum of two weeks.

Dona Card Machine: we are now able to accept card payments at church for your offertory or other collections. The machine is simple to use and there are instructions on how to use on the noticeboard above the machine. If you are able to gift aid, the first time you use the machine you will need to fill in your details. Please speak to Victoria if you need any help. Thank you.

Wellspring: As next Sunday (February 23rd) will be the last Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. What are most needed at the moment are cooked meats for sandwich-fillings, sugar, long-life milk, multipack bags of crisps, underwear for men and women and socks for men. Thank you.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 15 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For Norma Marshall Bridie Hachelhome
Sun 16 th 6 th Sunday <i>Ordinary Time Year C</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Kathleen Maxwell RIP Kathleen Maxwell RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Very special Intention MM
Mon 17 th	St Ann's	10am	Edith Pratt RIP
Tues 18 th	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	For Katie & for Carol Duffy & Family Olive O'Rourke RIP Mary Jane Ryan RIP
Wed 19 th	Christ Church	10am	Tommy Joe Horken RIP
Thurs 20 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Bernard Howell RIP
Fri 21 st	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Julie Lohan RIP Vocations to the priesthood
Sat 22 nd	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For Ann Maloney Jane Marie Earley RIP
Sun 23 rd 7 th Sunday <i>Ordinary Time Year C</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Maureen Banks RIP Roland & Gwen Burke RIP Frank McDermott 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 <i>At other times by request</i>			
ADORATION, St Chad's: Every Thursday 10am-6pm. Please sign up for a slot. Christ Church Wednesdays at 9am -10am & Fridays 10.30am-11am St Ann's Fridays 10am-5pm			
ROSARY, St Chad's: 9am every Sunday and Thursday. St Ann's: 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday			

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. 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.

Please pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Violet McDonough, Gladys Harrison, Margaret Lea, Andrew McBride, Cornelius Curry, Bill Kennedy, Patrick Joseph Duffy, Bernard Coulson, David Thompson, Peter Wragg, Betty Piggott, Baby Lola Szkador, George Bingham, Catherine Lynch, Anne Turner, Francis Dunne, Joseph Fabich, Kathleen Hayes, Anne Coulson, Roseanna Broadhead, Martin Brennan, Mary Bligh, Agnes Walden and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Anointing Masses: the next Anointing Masses will take place as follows:

St Ann's Tuesday 18th February 10am, Christ Church Wednesday 19th February 10am

St Chad's Thursday 27th February at 9.30am

Thursday coffee: raised £53 for Wellspring. Thank you very much.

300 Club: Winners for January of £20 each are: 112 – Noel Russell, 154 – Emily Cahill, 94 – Annie Kenyon.

Knit and Knatter – are busy knitting items for Easter to raise funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor. If anyone would like to donate any Creme eggs (or similar), the Knit and Knatter group will be very grateful. Please leave them in the cupboards at the back of church. Thank you.

Vacancy: The governors of the school wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For more information:

<https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

First Sacraments Programme: registration is now open for our First Sacraments programme for all children in Year 3 and over, and who are not in a Catholic School. All sessions will take place in the parish hall at Christ Church on Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm. Parents/carers must attend each session with your child. Initial meeting 30th April and then: - 7th, 14th and 21st May - to prepare for First Forgiveness which will take place following the session on 21st May at 7pm and then - 11th, 18th, 25th June - to prepare for First Holy Communion. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place at the end of June - date to be confirmed. To register please visit <https://forms.gle/> Registration closes 31st March. If you have problems accessing the link, please email the parish and we will send it to you.

Radio Maria: Don't miss "Walking with Destiny", an inspiring radio programme with Edmund Matyjeszek, exploring how Winston Churchill's language reveals the hand of God at work. Edmund reflects on Churchill's words, the victory won, and England's identity as the Dowry of Mary. This thought-provoking discussion will deepen our understanding of our nation's purpose and strengthen our faith. Part 1 airs on Tuesday, 18 February, and Part 2 on Tuesday, 25th, at 10am. Listen live on the Radio Maria England App, online at radiomariaengland.uk, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England"!

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: There will be a meeting of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality at St Columba's Church (Newman Room), Plas Newton Lane Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 1st March at 2.00pm. Please forward any apologies, or items to be discussed under AOB, to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Next course will be Thursday 6th March 2025 St Ann's at 7pm. Book a place by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com. 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.

Jubilee 2025 Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Update from the Parish Pastoral Council

- Fr Louis advised that Bishop Mark will be visiting St Chad's on Sunday 2nd March for the 9.30am Mass.
- Beginning to explore possible parish/shared parish events for the Jubilee Year. More details will be shared when available.
- Our Lady's Prayer Garden – we received £6900 in donations towards the cost of the garden. This covered the majority of the cost, with the parish paying the remaining £500.
- Social events – Dates for your Diary:
 - Quiz Night – Saturday 10th May 2025 from 7pm
 - Race Night – Saturday 21st June 2025 from 7pm
 - Saturday 5th July – Summer Fair 12noon - 2pm
- The PPC agreed to trial a new candle system which is safer and more environmentally friendly. It is a no-obligation free trial. Expect the stand to be in place from the beginning of March.
- The next Children's Mass is planned for Sunday 9th March (9.30am)
- Thank you to the Drama group for successful performances of the pantomime 'Queen of Hearts'. It was well supported by the parish. The dress rehearsal was attended by residents/their families and staff from Cheadle Manor care home – they really enjoyed it. Next year's pantomime is Robin Hood.
- Date of next meeting: 16th June 2025 7.30pm. If you have anything you would like raising, please speak to any member of the PPC. A list of members is on the noticeboard at the back of church.