

The Catholic Parish of St. Chad, Cheadle

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Sunday 23rd February 2025 – 7th 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.*

In the first reading, we see David's remarkable example of mercy. David's action exemplifies restraint, respect for God's will, and trust in God's justice. The Gospel passage from Luke presents Jesus' radical teaching on love and mercy. Jesus calls us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us. So he challenges us to go beyond the natural inclination to retaliate and instead respond with generosity and compassion. The love that Jesus asks of us has its origin in God's love for us. The more we welcome experiences and recognize God's mercy, kindness and trust in us, the more we can be in the same way towards others. Jesus was the first to show mercy and compassion towards others, even his enemies. Jesus taught us with his life not to give room for resentment, violence, and revenge. Following Jesus on his path is neither easy nor painless. One requires a strong will to love like Jesus. What sustained Jesus, and which alone can sustain us, is the close relationship with the father, cultivated through prayer and listening to the word of God. Let us ask for the grace to make the word of God our way of life. Let the Trinitarian love, which is liberating, inspire us to love one another unconditionally. Thus we can enter into a new relationships, be partners of Christ in establishing the kingdom of God here on earth. Fr. Louis

Visitation: We are pleased to announce that Bishop Mark will be visiting the parishes of St. Chad's and St Ann's next weekend (1st/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 next Sunday March 2nd at 11.00am.

Wellspring: As today (February 23rd) is 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.

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.

'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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 22 nd	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For Ann Maloney Jane Marie Earley RIP
Sun 23 rd 7 th <i>Sunday</i> <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
Mon 24 th	St Ann's	10am	For Christine Whelan & Family
Tues 25 th	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Marilyn Elizabeth Johnson RIP Esther & Jim Boles RIP Jane McDermott RIP
Wed 26 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 12 noon	Kathleen Mary Byrne RIP Requirem Mass for Frank McDermott
Thurs 27 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Bernard Brooks RIP
Fri 28 th	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Philip Sprowson RIP Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat 1 st	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Mary Thornbury RIP Jimmy McLlochy RIP
Sun 2 nd 8 th <i>Sunday</i> <i>Ordinary Time Year C</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Kathleen Horkan RIP Bill Sellers For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Margaret Mulley 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: Ernest Andrew, Margaret Brennan Cyril Lings, Helen Corrigan, William Thornton, David O'Gara, John Pierce, Agnes Baccas, William Fisher, Joan Anderson, Ronald Billington, Sarah McGough, James Cosgrove, Charles Slater, Margaret Riley, Mary Delaney, Anne Lyons, Kathleen Kenworthy and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Anointing Masses: the next Anointing Mass will take place at St Chad's on Thursday 27th February at 9.30am

Knit and Knatter – will meet again this Wednesday 26th February at 1pm-3pm in the church hall. Feel free to join them for knitting, knattering, tea/coffee and CAKE! **All Welcome!** The group 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/>

Vacancy: Deputy Director of Schools- Diocese of Shrewsbury: A recruitment process for the Deputy Director of Schools is now underway for this post. If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, our Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email him at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: bookings for the 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk there are also a few copies at the back of church (if you would like a printed copy and there are none left please let Victoria know).

Marriage Care are looking for volunteers: Are you looking for some rewarding voluntary work? Marriage Care, a national charity, assists parishes to prepare couples for marriage. We are looking for help in presenting our one day marriage preparation courses and/ or providing marriage preparation online. We aim to provide the best possible opportunity for couples to prepare for a lifelong, loving marriage. We focus on topics such as: exploring expectations; communication; conflict management; sacrament of marriage; vows and promises; nurturing the relationship. Would you be able to help? We are looking for both male and female volunteers. We provide training and ongoing support to equip you to work as part of a team. For further information, go to <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/> or contact John Worth, Centre co-ordinator, Stockport Marriage Care, on 0161 494 6428.

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.*

Update from the Parish Pastoral Council (held Monday 10th February)

- 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.