

**The Catholic Parishes of St. Chad, Cheadle, St. Ann, Cheadle Hulme and Christ Church, Heald Green**

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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C**  
**Education Sunday Reflection**

Education plays a vital role in shaping individuals and building strong societies. It is the key to unlocking a person's potential and achieving both personal and professional success. Through education, people acquire knowledge, develop skills, and embrace values that guide them throughout life. Education is a lifelong journey of growth, and by investing in it, we invest in a brighter future for individuals, communities, and the world at large. This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from the Gospel of John: *"The Son of Man must be lifted up"* (John 3:13-17). In this country, the Catholic Church has played a pivotal role in the establishment of education, which remains its largest charitable endeavour. Pope Leo XIV reminds us that *"the charism of schools... besides being a service to society and a precious work of charity, still appears today as one of the most beautiful and eloquent expressions of that priestly, prophetic, and public service which we all received in Baptism, as emphasised by the documents of the Second Vatican Council."*

According to Catholic teaching, the Church holds a definitive view on education in general, and a specific view on Christian education. The general perspective is rooted in the principle of serving the common good and assisting all people in the pursuit of a well-balanced development of the human personality—for the benefit of society and the world. The Catholic view of Christian education is based on a sound Christian anthropology, a commitment to holistic formation, and a focus on religious and moral development. Grounded in this anthropological vision, the Church promotes education as both a search for knowledge and a lifelong spiritual and academic journey. Catholic education encompasses spiritual, moral, and material dimensions. The education of the human person is central to the Church's mission, and she is willing to dedicate both human and material resources to this cause. The Church emphasises the fundamental role of education in society and regards educational institutions as powerful instruments in her mission of evangelisation—a mission that extends not only to members of the Church, but to all people.

The Second Vatican Council's *Declaration on Christian Education* identifies four key characteristics of Catholic education. It must be:

- **Holistic**, integrating the formation of the whole person—physically, morally, intellectually, and socially;
- **Developmental**, aligned with human growth and change;
- **Oriented towards the common good**, contributing positively to society;
- **Socially engaged**, striving to shape individuals who serve others.

Catholic education is a remarkable achievement worthy of celebration. Let us offer our thanks and prayers for the many teachers, support staff, leaders, governors, directors, students, parents, and advisers who have shown unwavering dedication and commitment to Catholic education. Fr. Louis.

**Special Blessing:** *at all Masses this weekend we will have a special blessing for all children and teachers as they begin their new academic year.*

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:** St Chad's Noel Russell & Bernadette McCrory, St Ann's Julie Hindmarch, Christ Church Helen Wise. 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.

**Live Streaming/CCTV:** please note that all parishes have live streaming and CCTV cameras in operation.

## Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	11am 5pm 6.30pm	Teresita Pilappyl, Jose Dato & Salvacion Dato For Colleen & Sunny Zacharias (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Annv) For the parishioners of our 3 parishes
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Thomas Hegarty Christina Maguire RIP Monica Harrop RIP Leonard Dunn RIP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Margaret Cunningham RIP Donna Borrow
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Michael Cain RIP Sean Doherty RIP Josephine Murray RIP
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church	10am	Kathleen Philbin RIP Anniversary
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Chad's	9.30am	Rose Henerty
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Birthday Thanksgiving for Uma
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Peter Brodigan Dell Family – for their son's ordination as a Deacon
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Special Intention for successful cancer treatment Eileen Percy RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Patrick McDonnell RIP
<b>CONFESSIONS, St Ann's:</b> Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm, <b>St Chad's</b> Tuesdays 5.45pm-6.15pm, <b>Christ Church</b> Wednesdays 9.15am-9.45am <i>At other times by request</i>			
<b>ADORATION Christ Church:</b> Wednesdays before Mass 9.15am-10am and Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am, <b>St Chad's:</b> Thursdays 10am-4pm, <b>St Ann's:</b> Fridays 10.30am – 4pm.			
<b>ROSARY, St Chad's:</b> 9am every Sunday and Thursday, <b>St Ann's:</b> 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday, <b>Christ Church</b> 9.30am every Friday			

## All Parishes Notices

**An evening Talk on the Shroud of Turin:** This 60-minute presentation (including Q&A) provides an overview of evidence revealed by a century of scientific and historical research. It focuses in particular on the astounding findings revealed by scientific examinations of the image markings visible on the Shroud, which undermine the claim that a medieval artist could have simply “faked it up and flogged it”. It also explains why, after examining the Shroud's image markings and bloodstains, several forensic scientists have concluded that this is the true cloth that wrapped the body of Jesus Christ between His death and resurrection. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the church hall at St Chad's. Free Entry. Talk starts at 7pm. Refreshments available. All Welcome

**Cheadle Catholic Schools Open Evenings:** If you have a child due to start Reception or Nursery in September 2026 please come along to one of our Open Evenings at the Infant School that have been organised on the following dates: Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm, Tues 18<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm, Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 6-7pm, Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-6pm. To book a place please email [admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk)

**RCIA** - There is still time to join our RCIA group. This programme meets on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in the Parish Room at St Ann's Cheadle Hulme. For more information and to register your interest about the RCIA Program, contact Victoria at: [lma19shrewsbury@gmail.com](mailto:lma19shrewsbury@gmail.com)

**Cheadle Catholic Junior School:** The governors of our school invite applications from highly motivated and organised individuals with resources and vision to join our team as our new School Business Manager.

See details at: [www.greater.jobs/job/75733410](http://www.greater.jobs/job/75733410)

## **St Chad's**

**Novena to Our Lady:** we will celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary tomorrow evening with the Rosary at 6pm and Mass at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Our Novena of prayer will conclude on Tuesday evening with the Rosary at 6pm and Mass at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**Children's Liturgy:** takes place every Sunday during term time. Please join us in the church hall.

**Sunday Coffee:** please join us for refreshments after 9.30am Mass every week.

**Thursday Coffee:** every Thursday after the 9.30am Mass.

**Knit and Knatter:** meet again this Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**St. Chad's Players:** The January 2026 pantomime will be Robin Hood. The first meeting to discuss this will be held TODAY Sunday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 pm. in the church hall and rehearsals will follow on Sunday evenings (5 - 7 pm.) from then onwards, with longer and/or extra rehearsals, closer to the performances. New members of all ages are most welcome to join the group, either on stage or off stage. More information is available from John Murray on 282-5567 or 07836-355182.

**RACE NIGHT:** we are holding a Race Night on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, in the Church Hall. Doors open at 7pm, first race at 7.15pm. Bring your own drinks. Nibbles provided. Tickets: £2 for adults and £1 for children, plus small bets payable on the night. Tickets will be on sale after Masses from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September or by emailing [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com). Join us for a fun evening with friendly competition. All welcome!

**Clean up Day!:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 10am-2pm. Please come and help us as we clear up the presbytery gardens. You don't have to stay for the whole time – any time you can give will be great. Lots of jobs big and small! Refreshments provided. Please talk to Stephen Hall if you are able to come and help.

## **Christ Church**

**Children's Liturgy:** Resumes this weekend. We are in need of a volunteer required to help with the infant liturgy at the 11am mass. Could you join our team once per month? Please email the Parish Office or speak to one of the team for more information.

**Cake Sunday:** this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September after the 9am Mass in the Parish Hall.

**The Divine Mercy Prayer Group:** is back on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. We meet in Church (via the side door near the hall) each Monday from 2-3pm. All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

**Rosary:** will be said every Friday at 9.30am in church before Mass.

**If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like a visit from the SVP volunteers from St Ann's please inform Cath in the office.**

**Wellspring:** We have a monthly collection of non-perishable foods on Saturday mornings from 11am until 12noon outside the front main doors of the Church. Next Collection 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christ Church Ladies Club:** resumes on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. Refreshments and chat, discuss programme for onwards meetings. "Bring and Buy" – Scarves, Handbags and Books. Money made, donations to charity. Come and join us and see what's happening.

**Parish Draw August Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Paul Lyth No 371, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Mary Kelly No 341.

## **St Ann's**

**Altar Servers Training:** If your child would like to train as an Altar Server, and has made their First Holy Communion, please contact Hilda on 0161 439 5610 / 07724 055735 to arrange a convenient date for the first session.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning:** We have coffee and chat after the 10am Mass this week, we will be adding an extra dimension to the morning for anyone who is interested. Whether you're an experienced knitter or just curious about learning to crochet or knit, Pauline Gallagher will be happy to teach beginners and get people working together to create handmade items for those in need – e.g. warm scarves for the homeless, tiny hats and matinee coats for premature babies in the neonatal unit – but there's room for your ideas too. Just bring your hook or needles and some wool and enjoy a relaxed, friendly morning with us.

**Free Books:** There is now a fresh selection of books on the cupboards at the library end of the porch, all free, please help yourself!

**SVP:** Thank you to everyone who sponsored Roisin, Cathy and Elena for the SVP Children's Summer Camp Walk. Just over £1000 was raised and the feedback from some of the children who went on the camp is that they 'Had a great time!'

**Fr Chris:** Fr Chris is now in Ladybrook Manor Care Home in Bramhall and he would welcome visitors.

**Children's Liturgy:** This takes place on the second Sunday of the Month at the 11am Sunday Mass, which means it is happening NEXT weekend.

## **Other Local & Diocesan Events and News**

**A Holy Hour:** Sunday 21st September 2025 at 7pm - Praise and Worship with Scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD, followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Sharing hope with a broken world** with special guest star Mark Saunders. On September 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 at St Joseph's Stockport. 10.30am – 2.15pm. Mark Saunders was an Evangelical Pastor who reverted back to the Catholic faith just over a year ago. Mark will talk about his story and also about the importance of evangelisation. To book your place please email [Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:Natalie.Orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Jubilee for Catechists with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis.** On Saturday 15th November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

**Marriage & Family Life Ministry Retreat Day:** Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a Retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways that help is needed. There will also be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family. 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 9.30am-4.00pm, Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral - Entrance Address: Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby **To Register and for More Information please contact:** Monika at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07549226794

**St Joseph's Football Tournament:** Saturday 30th August saw the St Joseph's Football tournament take place at Cheadle Catholic raising around £1200 towards the restoration of St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport. Thank-you to all those that played, attended and supported this event.

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**Baptisms:** For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Please note that the next course will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 St Ann's at 7pm. You must book a place by emailing [stannsheadleholme@gmail.com](mailto:stannsheadleholme@gmail.com). Please note you will need to provide a copy of baptism certificates for Catholic Parents and Godparents. Thank you.

**Weddings:** If you are planning to get married at any of our three parishes, 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.

**Funerals:** A Catholic funeral is a time of prayer, worship, and thanksgiving to God for the life of the deceased. The funeral director normally makes first contact with the parish to arrange the date and time of the funeral. They will coordinate the arrangements between the family, parish, cemetery/ crematorium and themselves. Once the date is arranged, we will get in touch with the family to discuss the order of service. We have documents with suggested readings and hymns to help with this. Please note that only religious music is allowed in church. Visiting priests are most welcome but they should follow the practices of our parishes, and if they are from a different Diocese, they will need to provide their Celebret in advance of the service. If you have any questions or would like to discuss please contact Victoria.

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### **Please pray for:**

**St Chad's:** Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Margaret Bollard, Esther Turner, George Hartley, Terence Mullaney, Tom Clark, Dorothy Slater, Joseph Livesey, Ken Mills, Patricia Currid, Theresa Beckett, Gerard Morrissey, George Simpkin, John Devitt, Agnes Deignan, John Conroy, Fr. Frank Gordon, Anne Childs and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**St Ann's:** Please pray for Mary Clarke, Debbie Burnett, Colleen Zacharias, Tim Driscoll, Martin Darcy, David Scott, Mick Johnson, Toni Bradley, Ita Griffin, Anna Curley, Peter La Mattina, Julie Eyres, Chris Hindmarch, Roy Hatton, Mary Maloney, Jenny Morgan, Joanne Wilson and Premature Baby Thomas Price, James & Josephine Whelan, Fr Chris McCurry, Tony Kiely, Richard Tomczak, Beryl Burnett, Eithne Hulse, Marie Bridge, Ann Miller and Brenda McNicholls who are sick.

For all those who have died recently, their family and friends and all those grieving the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

**Christ Church:** Please pray for Caroline O'Sullivan, Anne Byrne, Peter Allan and all who are ill. Please pray for Peter Johnson and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.