

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

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Sunday 30th November 2025 – 1st Sunday Advent Year A

Today we begin the Season of Advent. Advent means 'coming'. In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the importance of staying vigilant and prepared for the arrival of the Lord. There are three distinct but related comings of Jesus. More than two thousand twenty-five years ago he was born at Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Jesus came in history as Saviour to free us from the slavery of sin.

There is a second coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time. He will come then not as a saviour but as a judge. To judge the living and dead. We need to prepare ourselves to stand with confidence when he comes. He comes in glory and this coming is in the future. We live between these two comings.

There is a third coming of Jesus. He comes to us in mystery. This coming is of, and in, the present. He comes in "the Scripture of our every day life". He comes to us in joy and sorrow, sunshine and shadow, through friends and foe, in pain and pleasure, in work and leisure, in sickness and health, in word and silence, in the poor and the needy, through triumph and tragedy. The God of surprises comes when we least expect him. So be vigilant and prepared for His coming. **Have a Blessed Advent Season.** Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 29 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Special Intention (CHMF) John Norman Michelson RIP
Sunday 30 th 1 st Sunday Advent Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Charles Andrew and Frank Davies Chris Lally RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Paolo Pogliano, Fernanda Cremonti, Raffaele
Mon 1 st December	St Ann's	10am	Requiem Mass for Patrick Morley
Tues 2 nd	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Beryl Povah RIP Deceased members of the SVP Elizabeth Evans RIP Anniversary
Wed 3 rd	Christ Church	10am	Philip Ashworth
Thurs 4 th	St Chad's	9.30am	The Finley Family
Fri 5 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Kathleen Shields RIP
Sat 6 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Jim Doyle RIP Patricia Ann Byrne (Birthday Memory)
Sunday 7 th 2 nd Sunday Advent Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Paul Mayock RIP Fr Edward Lohan RIP May Hickey

CONFESSIONS, St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm, **St Chad's** Tuesdays 5.45pm-6.15pm, **Christ Church** Wednesdays 9.15am-9.45am *At other times by request*

ADORATION Christ Church: Wednesdays before Mass 9.15am-10am and Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am, **St Chad's:** Thursdays 10am-4pm, **St Ann's:** Fridays 10.30am – 4pm. Please sign up for a slot for Adoration at St Chad's and St Ann's.

ROSARY, St Chad's: 9am every Sunday and Thursday, **St Ann's:** 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday, **Christ Church** 9.30am every Friday

All Parishes Notices

St James Catholic High Retired Parishioner Christmas Party: we are delighted to invite you to our annual retired Parishioner Christmas Party at St James Catholic High School. This will take place during the morning on Friday, 12th December (exact time to be confirmed). If you would like to attend, please email Victoria at stchadsheadle@gmail.com by Monday 8th December. Thank you

Confirmation Programme 2026: Any young people in Year 8 or above who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to join our Confirmation sacramental programme. The mass of Confirmation will take place on Friday 19th June 2026 at 7pm at Christ Church, Heald Green. There will be 7 preparation sessions, which will be held on Friday evenings in one of the local parish halls between January and June, plus a Retreat Day which will take place on Saturday 13th June 2026. There will also be additional Masses/activities in individual parishes, as part of the preparations, which the young people will be encouraged to attend. Those interested are invited to complete the Google Form to register: <https://forms.gle/NqN2humEV4tUuyzC8> **The closing date for registration is Sunday 4th January 2026.** Once you have registered, you will receive an invitation to attend an information meeting in January. Please note that the Confirmation programme is run through the parishes, so your child will NOT get this opportunity at their Catholic school. If you have any problems accessing the form please email Victoria stchadsheadle@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you. Thank you.

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 (accessible via each website and CCTV cameras in operation).

Our Christmas Services will take places as follows:

	Wednesday 24th December 2025	Thursday 25th December 2025
Christ Church	5.30pm Vigil Mass 8pm Carols 8.30pm Midnight Mass	9am 11am
St Ann's	6pm Vigil Mass 9.30pm Carols 10pm Midnight Mass	11am
St Chad's	8pm Midnight Mass – beginning with Readings and Carols	9.30am

St Chad's

Christmas Fair: Saturday 6th December from 12noon -2pm in the church hall. We are now beginning to collect items for the bottle tombola, Bric-a-Brac and items for the Raffle. Please leave your donations on the table outside the hall. Proceeds from the fair will be put towards the cost of installing an electronic fire shutter in the hall kitchen.

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: raised £58 for Become. Thank you.

St Chad's continued

St Chad's Singers: Christmas Concert will take place on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm. Tickets now on sale costing Adults £5, children £2. Speak to Victoria after Masses or phone 07905 519322. Mulled wine / tea / coffee and mince pies will be available during the interval.

Wellspring: Since this Sunday (November 30th) is the last Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed at the moment are long-life milk, sandwich-fillings, such as cooked meats, coffee, sugar, sleeping bags and warm outdoor clothing. Thank you.

Knit and Knatter: the group would be grateful for donations of Terry's Chocolate Oranges for their Christmas project. Please leave any donations in the cupboards at the back of Church. Thank you. The group will meet again **this Wednesday 3rd December** 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Missio Red Box Collection: I will be available over the next couple of Sundays to collect any red boxes. The 2026 Missio calendar is now available at the back of church. If you would prefer to switch to a standing order there is an application form at the back of the latest Missio magazine. Many thanks for your support. Steve Whalley 07957 809968.

Piety Shop: Christmas cards, books and a range of gifts for children and adults are now available on the piety stall. Payment is by cash in the wall box, or alternatively you can pay via the card machine – please select 'Piety Stall' and enter the amount required. Thank you.

Christ Church

Decibelles Concert: in the parish hall on Wednesday 10th December 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Come and enjoy the wonderful choir £5 cash; pay at the door, includes a drink and a mince pie.

Parish Mass books: If you have a copy of the Red Year C volume 2 Mass book at home, please return it to church by next weekend (6/7 December) so they can be stored for future use. Please note that these books are for use in church and should not be taken home. They are not for sale. If you wish to have your own Mass book we can order the year Missal at £10 or the 3-year cycle Missal at £15 please complete the form by the piety shop.

Piety Shop: Christmas Cards, Books and a lovely variety of gifts for children and adults are now available at the back of church. **We need a volunteer to serve in the shop for the 11am Sunday Mass.**

Coffee and Chat: continues every Wednesday morning after mass. This Wednesday 3rd December we will also have an advent reflection followed by lunch, which must be booked and paid for in advance. Cost £10.

Children's Liturgy: every Sunday at the 11am Mass.

Parish Draw – November winners 1st Prize 294 Mary Westaway 2nd Prize 309 Rita Fitzsimmons. Please note as this time of the year is busy it was decided to delay the start of the new parish draw until March. Application forms will be out in the new year.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group: every Monday 2pm-3pm. We meet in Church (via the side door near the hall). 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 would like to help lead the Rosary on a rota basis, please speak to Fr Louis or Victoria.

Wellspring: we have a monthly collection of non-perishable foods on Saturday mornings from 11am until 12noon outside the main doors of the church. Next collection to be confirmed.

Missio Red Box Holders: For those who have a Missio Red Box, please bring it to church over the next few weeks so that it can be emptied and counted. Thank you very much.

Lost Property: The Gold Ring found in Church in mid-September has not been claimed, if you think you know who it belongs to please contact the office.

St Ann's

Children's Liturgy: This will take place every Sunday throughout Advent.

Requiem Mass for Judy Miller: will take place at St Ann's on Friday 12th December at 10am.

Tuesday Coffee Morning: Please join us on Tuesdays after Mass for coffee & chat, as well as knitting and crocheting for anyone interested (teaching is available for beginners).

Piety Stall: there is a lovely selection of Christmas items and Christmas cards now available in the porch. Please pay for items via the 'Cards and Piety' option on the DONA machine, by putting cash in the 'Cards' slot or by using the envelopes provided for cheques.

Christmas Selection Boxes: There are a couple of labelled crates in the porch, ready for our annual collection of Selection Boxes for Chelwood Foodbank.

St Ann's continued:

Christian Aid: sponsored swim took place on Sunday 16 November. John Finan and Maurice Heneghan did the honours on behalf of St Ann's. Over the past few years, in lieu of sponsorship a bucket collection has been taken after weekend Masses and this will take place on 6/7 December.

Christmas Presents for Children of Refugees / Asylum Seekers in Salford: Revive UK would greatly appreciate any help with new, gender neutral Christmas presents (around £15 each in value, for uniformity) for children aged 0 - 12 years. £15 vouchers will be given to the children aged 13 and above. The presents will be given out by Fr Christmas at a party in St Bridget's parish on December 13th. If you can help, please put any gifts in the designated box in the porch or else make a monetary donation of any amount via the DONA machine in the porch (under 'Christmas presents for Refugees'), **all by 5th December** please. Thank you.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Accessible Mass: Sunday 7th December 2.30pm Our next fully inclusive mass is coming up, to celebrate the Christmas season. This service is suitable for all, with a focus on adults and young people who feel our regular services do not meet their needs. This mass is shorter, we have a breakout space, sensory activities and limited sensory input. We encourage participation in the service and movement around the church where needed, followed by refreshments. Any questions, please contact: inclusionstpeters@gmail.com

Vacancy: A vacancy has arisen for the role of Cook within St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Stockport. This is a permanent appointment requiring 9 hours per week; days to be negotiated. Rate of Pay – £12.60 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Further details are available on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies>

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 4th December 2025 St Ann's at 7pm. You must book a place by emailing 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.

Please pray for:

St Chad's: Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for Margaret Dennehy and all those who have died recently. We also remember: Arthur Droege, Mary Davenport, James Dolan, Thomas Duffy, Catherine Spencer, Joan Skerrett, William Hampson, William Millin, Amy Scanlon, Ellen Turner, Molly Leslie, Marion Smith, Josephine Booth, Teresa Killoran, George Jones, Margaret McGrevy, Ethel Buchanan, Betty Wilson, Joseph Moore, Francis Tarbuck, Wyn Frith, James Coyle, Alice Doane, Edmund Salter, Norman Roles, Frank Magrath, John Keegan, Herbert Thackray, Frances Dowling, Margaret Allen, Frances Crosby, Hilda Cronin, Arnold Hagan and all those whose 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, Brenda McNicholls, The Dickinson Family, Effy Hull (aged 6) and all those who are sick. For Judy Miller, who died on November 20th, her 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 Leo Byrne, Caroline O'Sullivan, Anne Byrne, Ann Lyth, Pat Whitehead and all who are ill. Please pray for all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.