

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

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In the Second Sunday of Advent the theme we reflect on is the theme of peace. Peace comes to us through repentance and in today's Gospel, John the Baptist preaches in the wilderness of Judea. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". Advent is a time of wilderness experience. It was in the wilderness, that God taught and trained His people for forty years as he led them in to the promised land. It was in the wilderness when the Israelites had nothing to distract them, that they were more open to listen to the word of God. So, it is with our lives too. When we are in our wilderness, when our life is most barren and apparently fruitless, when we are struck down by failure and frustration, when suffering and sickness render us helpless and handicapped, the word of God comes to us. When God wants to speak to our hearts. He leads us to the wilderness. Do not be afraid of desert days. They could be precious. They are the days of intimacy and interiority. In this waiting period we are called to return, repent, and realign with God's ways to usher in the Messianic promises of peace and harmony. Let us prepare our hearts to receive His Word as he wishes. And seek to live in total accordance with his Holy will. Fr. Louis

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Mon 8 th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	St Ann's	10am	Stella & Bruce Reid RIP
Tues 9 th	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Julie Lohan RIP Deceased Members of the SVP Cait Cosgrove RIP
Wed 10 th	Christ Church St Chad's	10am 10am	Josie Jepson Requiem Mass Margaret Dennehy
Thurs 11 th	St Chad's	9.30am	John Banks RIP
Fri 12 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Memorial Mass Judy Miller
Sat 13 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Paddy Bergin RIP Josephine Turner RIP
Sunday 14 3 rd Sunday Advent Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Johnny Maloney Mary Casseley & Family For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Mary McCarthy

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

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

Please note - doors to all churches will only open 30mins before each service.

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.

All Parishes Notices

Second Collection: Next weekend (13/14 December) there will be a second collection for Caritas. Thank you.

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 on Friday 12th December 11.25am - 1pm. If you would like to attend, please email Victoria at stchadsheadle@gmail.com by tomorrow 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.

St Chad's

Church Safe Capacity Limit: The Masses at Christmas at St Chad's have significantly increased numbers of people attending and will therefore be subject to the Churches Safe Capacity Limit. This means that when the Church is at its Safe Capacity Limit, no further admission to the Church will be permitted. At these busy Masses, standing at the back of Church or in the Hall foyer will also not be permitted, as these are designated access and Emergency Escape routes and must remain clear at all times. A Livestream of Mass will be available in the Church Hall as an overspill area to allow a further number of people attend and participate in the Mass. Again when the Church Hall is at its Safe Capacity Limit, no further admission will be permitted. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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 £71.20 for St Chad's SVP. Thank you.

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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.

St Chad's Players: The 2026 pantomime will be Robin Hood and will be performed Fri 30th Jan at 7.30, Sat 31st Jan at 7.30 and Sun 1st Feb at 2.30. Tickets (Adults £5 and Concessions £4) can be purchased or reserved after the St. Chad Sunday masses or can be reserved by ringing John Murray on 0161 282 5567 or 07836 355182.

Christ Church

Cake Sunday this Sunday after the 9am Mass Come and enjoy the delicious cakes.

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: Please return the Red Year C volume 2 Mass books which are to be stored for future use. These books 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.

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

Ladies Club: Christmas meal Wednesday 17th December coach leaves at 11.15am. Next Meeting will be Thursday 12th February.

Parish Draw – 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 front main doors of the Church. Next Collection 20th December.

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

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Memorial Mass for Judy Miller: If possible, the family have requested that people wear a splash of pink or purple for the Mass, to support Breast Cancer awareness and to celebrate Judy's strength and courage.

Confirmation at St Ann's: More precise details to follow, but there will be an information meeting for our parents and candidates, as well as a planning meeting and a meet and greet session with the Prayer Sponsors for just our candidates, in the Parish Room at a time to be confirmed, but around 3pm, on Sunday 11th January. There will also be a Mass of Enrolment for our candidates on Sunday 18th January at 11am. Watch this space!

Confirmation Prayer Sponsors: If you would like to say a prayer each day for one of our 2026 candidates, please give your name to Julie asap.

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

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). This week, there will once again be some teaching of basic Salsa steps for anyone who is interested.

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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.

Christian Aid: THIS WEEKEND there will be a bucket collection after both Masses in lieu of sponsorship for Maurice Heneghan and John Finan who did the sponsored swim.

Carols in the Park: t Oak Meadow (opposite the Precinct) next Saturday 13 December at 10.30 with carols and Christmas readings. Please come along if you can for this happy occasion. There will be a food collection for Chelwood outside Asda during the morning.

Christmas Presents for Children of Refugees / Asylum Seekers in Salford: Thank you to all those who have supported this appeal.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Christmas Fun Run Saturday 27th December: An opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors over the Christmas period, whilst also supporting communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. Adult, child and family entrance fees available; runners and walkers welcome. We are also in need of volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact events@cafod.org.uk for more information or visit website: cafod.org.uk/Bollington

Vacancy: for a 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 8th January 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: Mary Quirk, Stephen King, Wilfred Connor, Margaret Adamson, Kevin Hardy, Barbara O'Loughlin, William McGuire, Janet Wren, Alex Curtis, John Hampson, Peter Gregory, Florence Lees, Florence Bentley, Dorothy Pickles, Alan Martin, Barbara Andrew, Julie Boczek 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, Brenda McNicholls, The Dickinson Family, Effy Hull (aged 6), Luigi Stefanelli and all those who are sick. For all those who have died, 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 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.