

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

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Sunday 4th January 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas Year A**Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 3 rd	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Thomas Kelly RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes
Sunday 4 th 2 nd Sunday after Christmas	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Robert Mazzitelli RIP Owen & Ger Garvin Judy Miller RIP Nuala Freil RIP
Monday 5 th	St Ann's	10am	Peter Lloyd RIP
Tuesday 6 th <i>The Feast of the Epiphany</i> Holy Day of Obligation	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Patrick Morley RIP Maisie Garvin Peter Naughton's daughter
Wednesday 7 th	Christ Church	10am	Julie Plummer
Thursday 8 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Michael McGrath RIP
Friday 9 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Bernard & Hilda Mulvey RIP
Saturday 10 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Pat Kelly RIP David Westaway
Sunday 11 th The Baptism of the Lord	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Donohue & Davies Families Judi & David Gill RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes McGurrin Family RIP
CONFESSIONS, St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm, St Chad's Tuesdays 5.45pm-6.15pm, Christ Church Wednesdays 9.15am-9.45am <i>At other times by request</i>			
ADORATION: Christ Church: Wednesdays before Mass 9.15am-10am and Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am and the 3 rd Saturday of the month 10am-5.30pm, St Chad's: will resume Thursday 15 th January , 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			

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 24 hours a day.

All Parishes Notices

Thank you: A huge thank you to all those helped in any way to make all our Christmas services very special. It was lovely to have so many people attending across all the parishes. A special thank you to all our young people who were willing to help with their enthusiastic and joyful participation. We are truly blessed to have so many young people involved every week in our parishes.

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 THIS 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.

Year Books: copies of the Diocesan Year Book for 2026 are available at the back of each church and cost £7. Please leave your money in the wall boxes.

Pray for Priests: the leaflet for January 2026 is available at the back of all churches.

Christmas cards: Please check the unclaimed cards at the back of all churches for yourself or someone you can deliver to. Thank you.

Thank you Celebrations: each parish will hold their own celebrations with Cheese, Nibbles & Wine to say 'thank you' to all those who minister and volunteer in any capacity in our churches. The Celebrations will be held as follows:

St Ann's: Saturday 7th February from 7.30pm,

St Chad's: Tuesday 10th February from 7pm (after Mass)

Christ Church: Friday 13th February from 7.30pm.

For all parishes, please RSVP by Monday 2nd February to stchadsheadle@gmail.com, stating which parish you are in, so that we know the numbers attending. Thank you.

St Chad's

CAFOD Christmas Fun Run: well done to David Aspinall who completed the 5km fun run for CAFOD last Saturday, 27th December. David is now collecting sponsorship monies. You can still sponsor David via <https://christmas-fun-run-2025.raiselysite.com/david-aspinall>

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.

Knit and Knatter: Nativity Raffle – this was won by Adrian Brooks and raised £88. We have also made £424.50 from the sale of the knitted Covered Chocolate Oranges and ornaments. Thank you to all who contributed the oranges and to the knitters for all their hard work. The proceeds of the raffle and the sale of the oranges will go to The Little Sisters of the Poor. The group will meet again on Wednesday 14th January 2026 1pm-3pm in the church hall.

300 Club Winners for December: 110 – Grace Hughes, 115 – Bernie McShane, 155 – Stephen Hall all receive £20 each. The Christmas bonus of £50 was won by 201 – Evelyn Burns. Thank you.

Christ Church

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.

Coffee and Chat: continues every Wednesday morning after mass.

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

Ladies Club: next meeting will be Thursday 12th February 2026.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group: next meeting will be **Monday 12th January 2026**. We meet in Church (via the side door near the hall). All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

Adoration: every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am - 5.30pm.

St Ann's

Requiem Mass: Please note that the Requiem for Sheila Griffin will be at 12:30pm on Tuesday 13th January and it will be instead of the 10am Mass that day.

Confirmation at St Ann's: There will be a meeting for the candidates on Sunday 11th January from 3 - 4:30pm in the Parish Room. The 11am Mass on Sunday 18th will be a Mass of Enrolment for the candidates. Parents will be emailed with more detailed information.

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.

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).

SVP Afternoon Tea Party: On Monday 19th January, the SVP will be holding an Afternoon Tea Party from 2 - 4pm in the Parish Room. All are welcome, but we will need an idea of numbers, so please let Julie or Roisin know if you'd like to join us.

Free Table: This is now back at the library end of the porch, please take a look - unwanted religious items may also be left there.

Lost property: Please check the cupboard under the piety stall in the porch if you have mislaid anything, as everything left at the end of January will be donated to charity.

Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme: CTCH have arranged the next biannual meeting with our MP Tom Morrison on Sat 17th January, from 3 - 4pm, at Grove Lane Baptist's again. This was a very informative and enjoyable meeting last time, so do come along if you can.

Revive Christmas Appeal: Thank you so much to those who donated presents or money for children of refugees and asylum seekers in Salford. Overall, Friends of Revive in Altrincham donated 170 presents at the Christmas party on 13th December. It was a very successful event and very much appreciated by all. The joy you provided was tremendous.

Dementia Support: Memory Lane is a support facility for dementia sufferers **and their carers** that runs on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church (CHMC) from 2 – 4pm. The session includes informal, friendly introductions, chair exercises (optional), singing, short act of worship, tea and chat, games and activities. If you know of anyone who might benefit from these fun sessions, please contact Jackie Sims at CHMC on 07748 592938 or Mick Johnson at St Ann's on 07969 785047.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Vacancies: - The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are looking for a Programme Coordinator, a Youth Mission Team Member and an Administration Assistant. Further details regarding the 3 posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Interested parties should send their CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 23 January 2026.

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- **St Simon's Catholic Primary School:** A main scale teacher to cover a maternity leave to begin in February 2026. For further information, please click on the link below: <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75772726>
Also there is a position for a Teaching Assistant <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75773866>

- **St. Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School:** St Peter's Catholic primary school are looking to appoint an inspirational and caring leader to support the continued success of our wonderful school. More information at: www.st-peters.stockport.sch.uk under Our School/Vacancies.

Pilgrimage to Rome, Monte Casino & Pompeii. Join us on a profound Pilgrimage of Catholic faith to the heart of the Catholic Church in Italy. We will travel to Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompeii absorbing our Catholic history, 14th - 21st September 2026 from Manchester. Cost £1845 single room. £1550 per person for two sharing. Extra cost Rome Tax approx £6 per day payable to hotel on arrival. For more information about the trip or to book, please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2026: For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 all those who have died recently. We also remember: Edward Bettley, Ellen Gilmore, Ellen Newton, Joseph Woodman, Florence McGuire, Mary Ahearne, Edward Telford, Eric Chaisty, Stephen Sheeran, Elizabeth Mallalieu, Mary Hannan, Helena Duffy, Reginald Skerrett, John Grant, Edward Mulliner, Anne Burgon, Gerald Scott, Rose Jackson, William Robb, Vera Connor, Mary Brumby, Harold Helsby, Frederick Hammond, Jane Gibbons, Tommy Donnelly 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), Luigi Stefanelli and all those who are sick. For Veronica Brown, who died on December 9th, aged 73, and Sheila Griffin, who died on December 12th, aged 94, their families 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.