

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

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Lent is a special season in the Church, lasting about forty days, to help the faithful prepare for Easter. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, leading up to the celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Lent is marked by three key practices: prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. Catholics are called to deepen their relationship with God, fast from distractions and excess, and give generously to those in need. Giving to others, whether through charity, time, or talents, is an essential part of Lent. St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "what we have is not ours alone but meant to be shared". Lent invites us to grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the Easter Joy. The Gospel of the first Sunday of Lent is all about the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. After fasting forty days and night, Jesus faces three significant temptations. In all these temptations, the devil attempts to undermine Jesus' identity as Son of God, by challenging Him to prove it through miraculous acts. But Jesus remains secure in the firm knowledge of who He is and in His relationship with the Father. Similarly, temptation often strikes at the core of our identity, making us doubt worth, purpose, or calling. Lent is an opportune time to return to the truth of who we are in God - His children. The period of Lent invites us to spend time in Scripture-reading and prayer, allowing God's Word to strengthen us in moments of trial. Wishing you all a happy and blessed season of Lent. Fr. Louis.

**Mass Times & Intentions**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Special Intention M
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Frances McGovern Margaret Dennehy RIP Philip Balaam RIP & his family Jane Marie Earley
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Ann's	10am	Mike Kearns
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Catherine Hartt RIP Deceased Members of the SVP Mary Jane Ryan RIP
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church	10am	John Shaw RIP
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Chad's	9.30am	Deceased Members of the Folan Family
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Harry Hall RIP
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Brendan Davis RIP Margaret O'Sullivan
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lent A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Michael Kelly & Family Anthony Torr RIP John Roberts (RIP) and family For the parishioners of our 3 parishes

**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 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10am-5.30pm, **St Chad's:** Thursdays 10am-5pm, **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 Ann's:** 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday, **Christ Church** 9.30am every Friday

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Chad's** 9am every Sunday and Thursday during Lent, **Christ Church** 6pm every Friday evening during Lent, **St Ann's** 9.35am every Friday during Lent.

**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**

**CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection:** will take place next weekend 28 Feb/1st March. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**Sycamore plus:** During Lent why not come and watch this new set of video sessions from Fr. Stephen Wang on different types of Prayer, with time for discussion also. Thursdays at 7.30pm beginning on 26th February in St. Ann's Parish Room. All welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Ampleforth Abbey 19th - 23rd October 2026:** We are planning a Pilgrimage to Ampleforth and will be holding an information evening on **Tuesday 24th February at 7pm** following the evening Mass at Christ Church. We will then be able to share with you a provisional itinerary and costs. Places will be limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact Delia or Christine in person or via email to Christ Church parish office.

**Mass Intentions:** any Mass requests can either be handed in at the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please note that for requests for a specific date, we need at least two weeks notice where possible. If it is not possible for the date you would like, it will be scheduled as near it as possible. Thank you.

### **St Chad's**

**First Sacraments Programme:** registration is 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 will take place on 29th April and then: - 6th, 13th and 20th May - to prepare for First Forgiveness which will take place following the session on 20th May at 7pm. Then sessions will continue on 10th, 17th, 24th June - to prepare for First Holy Communion. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place during Masses over the weekend of 27/28 June (exact dates/times to be confirmed). To register please visit <https://forms.gle/XijEHTyaE44RWJSa6> Registration closes at 5pm on 19th April 2026. If you have problems accessing the link, please email [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com) and we will send it to you.

**Children's Liturgy:** every Sunday during term time.

**Knit and Knatter:** this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1pm -3pm in the church hall. All welcome. The group are busy knitting their items for Easter and would welcome any donations of Creme eggs (or similar). Please leave any donations in the cupboards at the back of church. Thank you.

**Wellspring:** Since today Sunday (February 22nd) is the last Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed at the moment are multipack bags of crisps, multipacks of chocolate biscuits, long-life milk, sandwich-fillings, coffee, eggs, custard, toiletries, underwear for men and tea-towels. Thank you.

## St Chad's continued

**Thursday Coffee Morning:** raised £50 for Mary's Meals. Thank you very much.

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk Challenge:** A group from the parish are hoping to walk 200km over 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD. There will be a joint walk on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March leaving St Chad's at 12noon. This will be approx 3 miles, with a refreshment stop at The March Hare. All welcome, so please feel free to join us. If you would like to sponsor us please let us know. Contact Pauline or Karl on 0161 4911281 for further details.

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**SVP** – Application forms to join the SVP are available in the office. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm (after Mass).

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Please join us at the United Reform Church on Wilmslow Road.

**Coffee and Chat:** continues every Wednesday morning after mass. All welcome.

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

**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.

**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 is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Parking:** Please **do not park in the boxed area at the entrance**, it is a hazard for those trying to enter the grounds. Please do not park against the hall, so that cars can pass to park at the back and far side of the hall.

**Parish Draw:** We have had to make changes because of bank charges relating to cheques and cash: we cannot accept cheques. Payment can be in cash or on the card machine or direct debit sort code 30-52-15, A/c 54578060 and we have to increase the price to cover the cost of issuing the prize cheques. Hopefully, if there is enough response we can start the draw in April. Application forms are available in the porch

## St Ann's

**Children's Liturgy:** will take place every Sunday throughout Lent, at the 11am Mass.

**Piety Stall:** There are now items on the Piety Stall for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and First Holy Communion. Grab them whilst you can! Please pay either by cash in the 'Cards' slot or by using the Piety option on the DONA machine. Thank you.

**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) and some basic Salsa for those who like a bit of gentle exercise!

**SVP Quiz Night:** The SVP are hosting a Quiz Night in the Parish Room on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6. Please contact Shelagh Lochery on 07542 022784 to book as an individual or as a team.

**HELP:** Volunteers are needed to help with the church flowers, no experience necessary. Please contact Hilda on 0161 439 5610 or 07724 055735. Thank you.

**Bicycles and Scooters:** If you ride/scoot to church, then rather than bringing your vehicles into the church, they can be kept safe by padlocking them to the railings outside the presbytery front door (on the higher level, rather than on the path!). Thank you.

**Lent:** Throughout Lent, we will have half an hour of Watching before the Monday & Tuesday Masses (9:30 - 10), and Stations of the Cross before each Friday Mass. If you (or your group) are able to volunteer to lead the Stations of the Cross before Mass on any one of the Fridays in Lent (starting at 9:35), please let Julie know asap. Thank you.

## St Ann's continued

**Lenten Lunch 2026 at St Ann's:** Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme will once again be taking it in turns to host Lunches for Christian Aid from 12noon until around 1:30pm on the Saturdays of Lent. There's no immediate rush after all as with St Ann's turn won't be until **March 28th**, although we will still be needing offers of soup as well as help on the day then. Please speak to Julie or email the parish if you can help with either (or both!) of those things. The next Lenten Lunch will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Friends Meeting House on Station Road.

**Rosary:** We would be very grateful for any new volunteers to lead the Rosary, starting at 4:30pm before the Saturday Mass or 10:30am before the Sunday Mass. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Julie. Thank you. **World Day of Prayer:** This is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the service (prepared by Nigeria) will be held at the United Reformed Church on Swann Lane at 2.15pm. All are welcome.

## Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

**St Joseph's Stockport:** are holding a Celebration of St Joseph and St Patrick on Saturday 21st March 2026 at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall. Tickets cost £20.00 and includes a two-course meal. Entertainment by the Keegan School of Dance, followed by a sing-a-long of toe-tapping melodies by The Craic. Raffle and Licensed bar available. Tickets on sale from next weekend by calling 0161 483 6904.

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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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 St Ann's at 7pm. You must book a place by emailing [stannsheadleulme@gmail.com](mailto:stannsheadleulme@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 Noel Fowler and all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Mary Bligh, Agnes Walden, 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 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, Gerry McKendry, Jill Harper and all those who are sick. For all those who have died recently, 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 Anne Byrne, Caroline O'Sullivan, Ann Lyth, Pat Whitehead, Leo Byrne, David Kersys, Gerard Lanigan and all who are ill. Please pray for Vera Briggs, Audrey Walsh, Judy Buxton, Peter Logan and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.