

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

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Sunday 15th March 2026 – 4th Sunday Lent Year A

In the Gospel, we witness a powerful transformation as a man born blind encounters the light of the world. This event illustrates two contrasting moments: the upward journey of faith and the trust of the healed man, and the downward decent into scepticism and unbelief of those who resist the truth. The journey towards the light brings blessing, while the refusal to see leads to darkness. The blind man gradually recognizes Jesus as the Son of God, culminating in his act of worship. Meanwhile, those rooted in their prejudices remain hostile, blinded by their misconceptions. We are challenged today to reflect on the direction of our spiritual life: Are we embracing the light that leads to deeper faith, or are we retreating into darkness? Let us choose the path of illumination and transformation. Fr. Louis

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 14 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	John Roberts RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes
Sunday 15 th 4 th Sunday Lent A <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	May Ridings RIP Sean Hennigan RIP Patricia Ganderton RIP Frances Connley
Monday 16 th	St Ann's	10am	Martin Losse RIP
Tuesday 17 th	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's Christ Church	10am 11.30am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Annie Isaac RIP & Seamus Cronogue RIP Requiem Mass Vera Briggs Patrick Joseph Duffy RIP Vera Briggs RIP
Wednesday 18 th	Christ Church	10am	Special Intention
Thursday 19 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Amelia Alcazar RIP
Friday 20 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood For Noreen, for recovery from an operation
Saturday 21 st	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Brian Comerford RIP Henry Lees RIP
Sunday 22 nd 5 th Sunday Lent A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Audrey Doyle RIP John Heron RIP Leonard & Raymond Dunn 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 *At other times by request*

ADORATION: Christ Church: Wednesdays before Mass 9.15am-10am and Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am and the 3rd 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, **Christ Church** 9.30am every Friday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Chad's 9am every Sunday and Thursday **Christ Church** 6pm every Friday **St Ann's** 9.35am every Friday and 4.30 every Saturday (led by our young people) 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.

<u>Easter Service Times</u>	St Chad's	St Ann's	Christ Church
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	6.30pm followed by watching till 9pm	8pm followed by watching till midnight	6pm followed by watching till 8.30pm
<u>Good Friday 3rd April</u> Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm	3pm	3pm
Easter Vigil 4 th April	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm
Easter Sunday 5 th April	9.30am	11am	9am and 11am

All Parishes Notices

Mothers Sunday: wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers.

RCIA: this week the second Scrutiny Rite will take place during the 11am Mass at Christ Church. Please pray for all our 8 candidates as they continue their final preparations in their journey to be received into the church, and especially for Robert and Hasan who will also be baptised into the faith.

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. Next session is this Thursday 19th March with a session on: The Prayer of Adoration, Praise & Worship, in St. Ann's Parish Room. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Ampleforth 19th -23rd October: There are still a few places remaining. If you would like some information please email christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk or speak to Delia or Christine at Christ Church.

Tax Year End Gift Aid: The 2025/26 tax year comes to an end on 5th April and the Parish will claim back the Gift Aid refunds on donations made in the tax year. If you no longer pay income tax, or do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact the Parish Gift Aid organisers by 12th April. Otherwise, it will be assumed that you have paid sufficient tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on your 2025/26 donations. Please also let them know if you have changed your name and/or address in the last couple of years.

The Gift Aid organisers for each parish are: **St Ann's** Mrs Terry Atkinson on 0161 485 4828 or email atkinsond3@sky.com, **St Chad's** Mary McPeake on m.mcpeake@btinternet.com or 07929 075746

Christ Church Jane Handley on 07925 340 252. Thank you very much for your continued support.

RCIA: Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith? Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Our program of sessions begins in September each year for reception into the church at Easter the following year. Please contact Victoria on 07905 519322 or stchadsheadle@gmail.com, Jesus is waiting for you!

St Chad's

Washing of the Feet: we are in need of six volunteers to have their feet washed during the Mass for Maundy Thursday on 2nd April at 6.30pm. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Victoria.

Children's Liturgy: every Sunday during term time.

Knit and Knatter: every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome. The group are now selling their knitted Easter items after Mass in aid of The Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

Piety Stall: St Patrick's Day and Easter cards are now available on the piety stall, along with gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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. 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 and we will send it to you.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £49 for SANDS. Thank you very much.

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Piety Stall: St Patrick's Day/ Mother's Day/ Easter cards are in the Piety Shop. We stock gifts and cards for all the Sacraments. If you don't see it please ask.

Coffee and Chat: On Wednesday 18th March we will show a DVD entitled "The Joy of Hope" followed by a simple soup lunch. No charge but donations will be accepted for CAFOD. 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.

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes: The envelopes for the 2026/27 tax year are now available for collection in the porch. They should be used from Sunday 12th April 2026. If after this date you have any Blue 2025/26 tax year envelopes in your possession, please could you destroy them, as they should not be used in the new tax year.

Churches Together Heald Green meet 5 times a year and discuss religious activities in Heald Green and how we can help the community. At present Cath Cohen is their secretary and the only representative attending for our church. Christ Church will be hosting the meeting here on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm; please contact Cath if you can be involved/help.

Parish Draw. More members needed please don't leave it to the end of March. It is only £12.50 for one number for 12 months. Half goes to charity, so we need you to participate to make it worthwhile. Application forms are available in the porch. Payment can be in cash or on the card machine or direct debit sort code 30-15-52 A/c 54578060 and we have to increase the price to cover the cost of issuing the prize cheques. If paying by card, please take your completed form to the Piety shop before using the card machine. Hopefully, we can start the draw in April.

Heald Green Rate Payers are having a first "Meet Your Neighbour" Night on 24th March 2026 from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Outwood Road, Heald Green. SK8 3SL. It aims to be a relaxed, welcoming evening designed to bring the Heald Green community closer together, we are providing drinks and a bite to eat. This is a ticketed event for Heald Green residents, if you want to attend sign up to www.ticketsource.co.uk/heald-green-ratepayers.

Parking – 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.

Mass Intentions: There has been a drop in the number of Mass Intention requests coming in over the last few months. Remember that the Mass is the most powerful prayer, so if you know someone in need of prayer, why not have a Mass said for them? There are envelopes available at the back of church for you to add your intention and donation. Please hand in to the office, or post through the presbytery door.

St Ann's

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

Tuesday Coffee Morning: We are expanding! As well as coffee & chat, knitting and crocheting (with teaching available for beginners) and some basic Salsa for those who like a bit of gentle exercise, we are introducing a 'Film Feature'! Once a month, we will be showing a film, starting at around 11/11:15am. The first film will be shown on March 24th and it will be 'All Or Nothing', which tells the inspirational story of Sister Clare Crockett.

Lent: during Lent, we will have half an hour of Watching before the Monday & Tuesday Masses (9:30 - 10), during which time, Confessions will be available. We will also have Stations of the Cross before each Friday Mass, starting at 9:35 as well as before each Saturday Mass (led by our Young People), starting at 4:30pm.

Piety Stall: There are now items on the Piety Stall for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. 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.

Lenten Lunches: The next Lenten Lunch will be on Saturday March 21st at the URC on Swann Lane, from 12noon until around 1:30pm, so just drop in when you're free. Donations to Christian Aid.

St Ann's continued

SVP: We need YOU to come to our fundraising Quiz Night in the Parish Room on Friday March 20th at 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6 and £5 per person (see poster in the porch). Also BYOB, but nibbles supplied! Please contact Shelagh Lochery on 07542 022784 to book as a team, or as an individual, to make up a team on the night. Thank you.

Young People's Ministry: As you will have seen, we have a thriving group of young people joyfully helping out at both of our weekend Masses. We now also have an eye-catching display of many of them in action on the noticeboard in the Parish Room foyer, prepared by Lorraine. Please do take the time to go through and have a look and read all of the comments. Our parish is blessed to have so many talented young people.

Easter Eggs: The crates for donations of Easter Eggs for Chelwood and the Wellspring are now in the porch. Please start filling them up and the deadline is usually the Tuesday of Holy Week (31st March). Thank you.

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 (cash only) available. Tickets on sale from next weekend by calling 0161 483 6904.

Reflection on St Joseph: from the Scriptures, the saints, popes and others all of which can help us understand the importance of devotion to him, especially within the vocation of marriage and for our families. 19th March 2026 Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Room 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Speaker: Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, Lay Spirituality and Prayer.

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Please note there will be no course in April, the next course will be Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7pm at St Ann's. You must book a place by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com. 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.

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: Canon Joseph Howe, Mary Carroll, Leslie Furness, Bernard Walmsley, May Conroy, William Newton, Thomas Turner, Patricia Walsh, Kate Alcock, Christine O'Brien, Kenneth Thorpe, John Dean, Margaret Lobb, Alice Weaver, Anna McNight, Elizabeth Grindrod, Amy Johnson, William Condon, James Killoran, Theresa Brady, Nora Meaney, John Heron, Eileen Gibson, Beatrice Morrissey, Roy Nield, Glenys McNicholas, Gill Harwood 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, Ian Burnett 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 and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.