

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

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Sunday 8th March 2026 – 3rd Sunday Lent Year A

The Gospel of the 3rd Sunday of lent is Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. It reminds us temporary pleasures and fleeting joys never satisfy our deepest needs. Like the Samaritan woman we are called to find life transforming fulfillment in the Lord alone, the source of eternal life. When we seek Christ sincerely, He offers us not just comfort but lasting joy, filling us with a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Let us return to Him, quenching our thirst in His endless love and divine peace. The story of Samaritan woman is indeed a story of a faith development. Faith begins when Christ enters in our personal and ordinary life. Faith develops through honest questioning, not blind acceptance. Doubt and questions can be part of spiritual growth. Conversion is a key phase in mature faith. Mature faith recognizes as Jesus as Christ and finally true faith naturally becomes evangelization. So, we see the Samaritan woman's faith begins personally, grows through dialogue, deepens through truth, mature in recognition of Jesus, blossoms in mission. Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 7 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Anne Maloney RIP For Caroline O'Sullivan
Sunday 8 th 3 rd Sunday Lent A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Thanksgiving for prayers answered Mary Winning RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Kevin Ramshaw RIP
Monday 9 th	St Ann's	10am	For Vincent Maher
Tuesday 10 th	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	For a successful recovery from an operation Bill Sellers RIP Margaret Tudor RIP
Wednesday 11 th	Christ Church	10am	Susan Cummings RIP
Thursday 12 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Deceased members of the Nee Family
Friday 13 th	Christ Church St Ann's	10am 10am	Vocations to the Priesthood Catherine Hartt RIP
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

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>	<u>St Chad's</u>	<u>St Ann's</u>	<u>Christ Church</u>
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

Please pray for our 8 RCIA candidates as they begin their final preparations in their journey to be received into the church. We pray that they have the wisdom and courage to take up and live in the Catholic 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 12th March at 7.30pm in St. Ann's Parish Room. All welcome.

Tax Year End Gift Aid: Fr Louis would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the parish over the past tax year. 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.

As many of you will know the costs charged by the Bank for depositing cash and cheques have risen significantly over the last year. To help the parishes manage these increasing charges, the Diocese has asked us to invite parishioners to consider moving their regular donations from envelopes to a standing order. If you would be willing to switch to giving by standing order, please contact the parish office or your Parish Gift Aid Organiser, who will be happy to provide the details to arrange this and answer any questions you may have. Also, if you have not signed up to Gift Aid your donations (either by envelope or standing order) but you are a UK Tax Payer if you would like to then please also speak to the Gift Aid Organisers.

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 understanding and for your continued support of our parishes.

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: this Wednesday 11th March 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.

St Chad's continued: Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £70 for CAFOD . Thank you very much.

Parish Walk: thank you to the 10 walkers who took part and completed our parish CAFOD walk last Sunday. They will be collecting sponsorship money after Mass.

Christ Church

CAFOD Family Fast Day: please return any envelopes no later than 15th March. Thank you.

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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: continues every Wednesday morning after mass. 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.

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 28th March.

Ladies Club: Thursday 12th March 2026 2pm -4pm: Speaker Sue Holden. "1950s Housewives"

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.

Requiem for Vera Briggs will be at Christ Church on Tuesday 17th March at 11.30am

St Ann's

CAFOD Family Fast Collection: We took this Collection at the 5pm Mass last weekend, but not at the 11am, because there were no envelopes available. We now have some envelopes for those who would like to use them, so the CAFOD Collection will be taken at the 11am Mass this weekend.

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: Throughout 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 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.

Rosary: We would be very grateful for any new volunteers to lead the Rosary, starting at 4:30pm before the Saturday Mass (restarting after Lent) or 10:30am before the Sunday Mass. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Julie. Thank you.

St Ann's continued

SVP: The SVP are hosting a 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). Please contact Shelagh Lochery on 07542 022784 to book as an individual or as a team. ALSO If you would like to join the SVP and help us in our mission of befriending and helping those in need, please pick up a form from the porch, fill it in and just drop it in the collection basket. If you know of someone who might appreciate a visit (regular or occasional), please contact Kevin on 07504 130749. Thank you.

Cards: St Patrick's Day, Easter, Welcome to the Church and Confirmation Cards are now on sale at the Library end of the porch. _

Lenten Lunches: The next Lenten Lunch will be on Saturday March 14th at Grove Lane Baptist Church, from 12noon until around 1:30pm, so just drop in when you're free. Donations to Christian Aid. St Ann's will be hosting the lunch on March 28th, and it looks as though we will be fortunate enough to have some members of the Youth SVP at St James' school to help us with serving the soup. However, we will still be needing offers of soup, so please speak to Julie or email the parish if you can help with that. 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 available. Tickets on sale from next weekend by calling 0161 483 6904.

Reflection on St Joseph: Husband of the Blessed Virgin, Guardian of Jesus, Pillar of Families: Join us for a *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. **When:** Feast of St Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin **19th March 2026** **Where: Shrewsbury Cathedral Parish Room 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** **Speaker: Jane Deegan** Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, Lay Spirituality and Prayer.

Are you a Pianist? Stockport Male Voice Choir are looking for a pianist to play regularly with them on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 - 9:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Dennis on 07305 744486 for more information.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults: are currently in the process of planning a pilgrimage to Poland between Friday 17th and Tuesday 21st April. The pilgrimage is open to young adults aged 18–30. and there are still some spaces available. At this stage, we are simply collating expressions of interest. If anyone is interested, please ask them to email us by **14th March** at: southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

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.

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: Stewart Horrocks, Gordon Harrop, Christine Harrod, Kathleen Drummond, Nellie Sargent, Olive O'Rourke, Agnes Curtis, Dominic McGough, Michael McDonnell, Molly Neill, Andrea Lobb, Marion Carroll, Eileen Keane, Jesse Pearson, Margaret Davis, Johanna Reardon, Mary Baccas, Mary Carrigher, Agnes Cox, Sabina Bains, Fr. Andrew Laverty, Ernest Jones, Maud Williamson, Jean Magrath, Peter Danson, Ronald Pearson, Mary Duffy, John Corcoran, John McNicholas, Elizabeth Cragg 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, Audrey Walsh, Judy Buxton, Peter Logan and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.