

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

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Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the powerful beginning of Holy Week, inviting us to journey alongside Jesus with renewed faith, hope, and love. The Palms we hold today are the symbols of both victory and sacrifice. We celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem as the prince of Peace, not with the pomp of earthly power but with the humility of a servant. No cross, no crown! No wounds, no blessing. Let us make this week a truly "Holy Week", engaging in daily prayer, reading of scripture, and time to reflect on the Passion of Christ. We need to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation to mend our relationship with God and others, fostering forgiveness and healing. We also need to reach out to those in need to deepen our solidarity with the suffering of Christ. Are we prepared to leave the safety of the crowd and climb Calvary? Let us pray:

HOLY ARE YOU O GOD; HOLY ARE YOU THE ALMIGHTY, HOLY ARE YOU THE DEATHLESS, WHO WERE CRUCIFIED FOR US HAVE MERCY ON US. Fr. Louis

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Colin McNicholls RIP Flo Davies RIP
Sunday 29 th Palm Sunday	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Labeba Istefan RIP Brian Gribbon RIP John Roberts RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes
Monday 30 th	St Ann's	10am	For John & Roisin English
Tuesday 31 st	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Ron Johnston RIP Karen Thorne RIP Fiona Thornley RIP
Wednesday 1 st April	Christ Church	10am	Murphy & Gilmore Families RIP
Thursday 2 nd The Mass of the Last Supper – each Mass followed by Watching	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's	6pm 6.30pm 8pm	NO MORNING MASS AT ST CHAD'S Tom Cripps Chris Barnet RIP For Paul Monaghan
Friday 3 rd	St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 3pm 3pm 3pm	Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 4 th Easter Vigil	St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	8.30pm 8.30pm 8.30pm	Sheila Danson RIP For Peace in the World For the parishioners of our parish
Sunday 5 th Easter Sunday	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the Holy Land Vincent Collinge RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Special Birthday Intention

CONFESSION: Additional opportunities for Confession in preparation for Easter.

St Ann's: Monday and Tuesday 9am – 9.45am

St Chad's Tuesday 5pm-6.20pm

Christ Church Wednesday 9.15am-9.45am and 10.45am – 11.45am

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

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.

Visits to the housebound: If you know of anyone who is housebound/ in a care home and would like a visit from the Priest during the last weeks of Lent for confession or anointing, please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com or phone Victoria 07905 519322 to arrange. Thank you

Nursery places for September 2026: Nursery applications for September 2026 are still being accepted online. Cheadle Catholic Infant School offer full time & part time places. Apply using the link below: www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Closing date:31.3.26. If you would like to view the school and nursery please call [0161 4858733](tel:01614858733) to arrange an appointment.

Foundation Governor Vacancy: Cheadle Catholic Infant School is currently seeking to appoint a Foundation Governor to join our dedicated Governing Body. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity to help shape the strategic direction of our school. Applicants do not need to have a child in the school but do need to be practising Catholics. For more information please contact the headteacher; Pamela Glynn. 0161 4858733 headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk.

St Chad's

Children's Liturgy: will now take a break until after Easter.

Wellspring: Since this Sunday (March 29th) 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, bottled water, sleeping bags, rucksacks and warm clothing. They would also be grateful for Easter Eggs. Thank you.

Piety Stall: Easter cards are now available, along with gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

First Sacraments Programme: registration is open for our First Sacraments programme for 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. To register please visit <https://forms.gle/XijEHTyaE44RWJSa6> Registration closes at 5pm on 19th April 2026.

CAFOD: thanks to all those who walked for CAFOD during Lent, and to all those who donated to support them – they raised £260.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £39.42 for The Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you very much.

Christ Church

Next SVP Meeting: Tuesday 14th April at 7pm in the room in church. New Members welcome to visit the lonely for a chat.

NO Cake Sunday on Easter Sunday

Parish Draw. Final two weeks to join. There are 86, less than half last year, so far. It is only £12.50 for one number for 12 months. 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.

Christ Church continued

Christ Church is hosting the Churches Together in Heald Green Interfaith Forum on Thursday 9th April at 7pm in the hall. The topic is The power of the word/speech in faith. Speakers giving the Christian and the Muslim view. Please come along to support this and welcome our guests from other churches and the Mosque

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Piety Stall: 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: every Wednesday 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.

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.

Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness. Leaves the Premier Inn on Finney lane at 11am to walk down to the shops with 3 stops for readings and prayer.

Parking – Please do not park on Finney Lane close to the car park exit on the left, accidents have happened. 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

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 25th April.

St Ann's

Boxes of Weekly Envelopes: The envelopes for next year are available for collection from the porch, but please consider changing to Standing Orders. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: We are now back to our regular schedule of the 2nd Sunday of the month, so the next Children's Liturgy will be on April 12th. Please note that Children's Liturgy is aimed at children up to the age of 8. ALSO, we are looking for more volunteers to lead the Children's Liturgy sessions, so if you'd like to volunteer, please speak to Karolina or Julie. Thank you.

Tuesday Coffee Morning: Our film showing last week was very well attended and we will show another one towards the end of April. In the meantime, we are back to our regular coffee & chat, knitting and crocheting (with teaching available for beginners) and some basic Salsa for those who like a bit of gentle exercise.

Piety Stall: There are now items on the Piety Stall for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Grab them whilst you can! There are also Easter, Welcome to the Church and Confirmation Cards on sale at the Library end of the porch. Please pay either by cash in the 'Cards' slot or by using the Piety option on the DONA machine.

Easter Eggs: Thank you for the many Easter Eggs which have been brought in. The deadline for any more is Tuesday of this week as we need to get them to Chelwood and the Wellspring for distribution before Easter. Thank you.

Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme: Don't forget that we are hosting the CTCH 5th Sunday Service TONIGHT (Palm Sunday) at 6.30pm. It's a short service with refreshments, and our turn to host only comes round about once a year, so don't leave it to others to come – come along yourself!

SVP: Thank you to everyone who supported our (very enjoyable!) Quiz Night, which raised £227. 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.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Summer camp August 2026 at Alton Castle: Kenelm Youth Trust and Life Teen UK are hosting a summer camp for young people aged 12-18 from the 16th-20th August 2026. The camp lasts a week and involves a range of exciting activities. The camp is based at Alton Castle(ST10 4TT) making use of the outdoor activities on site, visiting Alton Towers, as well as heading off to a variety of different places for fun and adventure! Alongside this, summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to explore faith, connect and gather together. To find out more information and to book on please visit <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2026.html> Spaces are limited so be quick if you are interested!

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be holding our first 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group on Tuesday 21st April, at 7pm. This will be open to any Hospitality members, even if you haven't attended previous Focus Groups. We will be encouraged to review the commitments made last year to improve our way of working with each other. We are also delighted that Fr Sean Henry, Chaplain to the Hospitality, will join us. This will take place at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. Please confirm your attendance by emailing secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

A Unique 2-Day Public Event at Blackburn Cathedral dedicated to the Shroud of Turin.

Saturday 11th April: A one-day convention with world-renowned Shroud Experts presenting some of the latest research on the Shroud. This is a ticketed event, cost £40 per person.

Sunday 12th April: at 1pm in the main Cathedral Fr Andrew Dalton, a RC priest from Rome, will be giving a talk entitled *Who is the Man on the Shroud?* Whilst there you will also be able to visit an excellent Shroud Exhibition which includes a full-size replica of the Shroud. All are welcome. Free Entry to the talk and exhibition. For more details see the posters at the back of church. If you are interested in going on the Sunday 12th April, depending on numbers, we may be able to arrange transport. Please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com if you are interested or speak to Stella at St Chad's.

Vacancy: Due to retirement, a vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Health & Safety officer. **Salary** £32,000 - £38,000 dependant on experience. **Hours:** 25 per week, term time only, Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date** 10 April. Further details can be found on the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/

Marriage and Family Life Ministry Retreat Day: "For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday. 18th April 2026 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP. 9.30am-4.00pm Please Register with Monika Golembiewska monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Baptisms: 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 stannsheadlehulme@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: William Richardson, Henrietta Gorna, John White, William Summerfield, Francis Baker, Elsie Thompson, April 01 Mary Harford, Owen Campbell, Maureen Hughes, Catherine Davies, Florence McCarron, Ernest Pimm, Mary Hayes, Arthur Endsor, Kathleen Batey, Annie Johnson 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, John & Roisin English, Pat O'Dell 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.