

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

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Sunday 5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday

The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the season of Easter. The Vigil is the Christian feast par excellence, the feast of new birth, new beginning, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. The Easter Vigil reminds us that, no matter what hardships we face, Jesus has conquered death. He could not be kept captive in a tomb. His victory gives us strength to live in faith, trusting that with God, we too can overcome anything. In Him, we too are freed and we rise from the captivity of our sin, frustration, and hopelessness. Season of Easter is a time of joy, grace and thanksgiving because Jesus' resurrection brings us new life, hope, and the promise of eternal life with God. As we celebrate this Easter, our brothers and sisters in the Middle East are in the fear of war, uncertainty, and divisions among nations and people. The Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that darkness does not have the final word in this world. War, Violence, and hatred may seem powerful, but they are not victorious. Easter reminds us of God's answer to human fear: life conquers death, love conquers hatred, and hope overcomes despair. This Easter calls us to trust that God is still at work even when the world feels unstable. So let us be peacemakers, beginning in our own hearts, families, and communities, let us not allow fear to control us. Instead, let the light of the Resurrection guide us.

I wish all of you that this Easter may fill our hearts with courage, calm our anxieties, and strengthen our faith. May the peace of the risen Christ dwell in our world, especially where there is fear of war and suffering.
Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Monday 6 th	NO MASSES		
Tuesday 7 th			
Wednesday 8 th			
Thursday 9 th			
Friday 10 th	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Doris La Mattina RIP Requiem Mass Michael Flatley
Saturday 11 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Ian Dommett RIP Nancy Lavin
Sunday 12 th 2 nd Sunday of Easter Year A , Divine Mercy Sunday	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Fiona Thornley RIP Thanksgiving for the gift of hearing Margaret Dennely RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes

CONFESSIONS, St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm, **St Chad's** Tuesdays 5.45pm-6.15pm (from 14th April), **Christ Church** Wednesdays 9.15am-9.45am (from 15th April) *At other times by request*

ADORATION: Resumes w/c 13th April: 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 Chad's: 9am every Sunday and Thursday (from 16th April), **St Ann's:** 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday, **Christ Church** 9.30am every Friday from 17th April

All Parishes Notices

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.

Pray for Priests: The April leaflet is available in the porch.

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.

St Chad's

CAFOD: we raised **£468** from our Lenten Fast Day – thank you very much.

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

Knit and Knatter: Wednesday 8th April 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Piety Stall: Gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation now available.

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.

Christ Church

Next SVP Meeting: Tuesday 14th April in church after 6.30 Mass. If you would like to join the SVP please pick up a form from the porch, fill it in and just drop it in the collection basket, or just come to the meeting to find what we are about.

Ladies Group: meet again this Thursday 9th April for a talk on Sir John Barbiorlli. 2pm in the church hall.

Coffee & Chat – next is on Wednesday 15th April after Mass. The Lenten Lunch on the 18th March raised £117.10 for CAFOD.

Parish Draw. Final number of shares is 123 between 73 participants, thank you. Numbers allotted will be published soon. We will do the first draw on the 22nd April.

Churches Together Heald Green: Christ Church is hosting the Churches Together in Heald Green Interfaith Forum this 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.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group: No meeting next week. The next meeting is 20th April. We meet in Church (via the side door near the hall) at 2pm-3pm. All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

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Piety Stall: We stock gifts and cards for all the Sacraments. If you don't see it please ask.

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

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.

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.

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

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: PLEASE NOTE there are no Masses on Monday or Tuesday of this week (7th & 8th), so there will be no Coffee Morning either. It will resume next week on the 14th, when we will have the usual chatting, knitting, crocheting and basic salsa.

Piety Stall: There are now items on the Piety Stall for 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.

SVP: 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.

Lenten Lunch: Many thanks to all who supported the final Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme (CTCH) Lenten Lunch of 2026, hosted here at St Ann's. A special thank you too, to the six young ladies from St James' Youth SVP, who, together with their chaplain, did a marvellous job of welcoming our guests and serving the soup at the tables. There was an excellent turnout (the girls were kept very busy!) and £267 was raised for Christian Aid. (A total of around £1400 was raised across all six lunches.)

Churches Together Cheadle Hulme: After a very successful concert last year, the Poynton Brass Band are returning on May 9th to coincide with the start of Christian Aid week. Venue at the Methodist Church with a 19.30 start. News re tickets to follow.

Rosary Before the Weekend Masses: 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 or email the parish. Thank you.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: The Pilgrimage Team are very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30 July to 7 August and by air 31 July to 6 August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

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, 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/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.

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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

Holy Mass and Healing Service: led by Fr Michael Payyapilly VC from the Divine Retreat Centre Pantasaph. April 18th 2026 6.30pm-9pm at St Anthony RC Church, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. For more information contact Annette 07767 014130.

Vacancies: Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www>. Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@ **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**

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: Francis Sullivan, Edna Allsop, Catherine Black, John Burrell, Jack Tate, Ellen O'Brien, Edward Atkins, Alice Brookes, Fr. Steven Tynan, Joan Nadin, Martin O'Brien, Emily Buckley, Harold Rigby, William Barton, Anthony Clarke, Elsie Kearney, Paul Blair, Kathleen Brough, Annie Maloney, Bon Hay, Stephen Reding, Baby: Daniel King, Josephine Scully, Taylor Hogan, Mary Flannery, Kitty Watts, Annie Kelsall, Patricia Bell, Daniel Creamer, Bridget Dolan, Mark Stephenson, Francis Birch, Kath Coleman, Thomas Sheridan, Eric Adshead, Margaret Rennison, Mary Whealing, Eugene Lennon, Josephine Mairs, Donald Mackay, Mary Foster 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 England, 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, Michael Flatley and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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 7th May 2026 at 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: The funeral director normally makes first contact with the parish to arrange the date/time and will coordinate the arrangements between the family, parish, cemetery/ crematorium. Once the date is arranged, parishes will get in touch with the family to discuss the order of service. If you have any questions or would like to discuss please contact Victoria.