

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

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Sunday 24th May 2026 – Pentecost

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles is the event we celebrate on Pentecost Sunday. The arrival of the Holy Spirit reminds us of the first creation as many of the elements that were present in the new creation are there with Pentecost. The presence of mighty wind is one such element. This new creation is witnessed by people from all over the Jewish world who came to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after the Passover. The disciples strengthened by the Holy Spirit, have to go out and make the message of Jesus known. That the Apostles were able to do it, and that Christians of all ages tried their best to take the Gospel to all parts of the world, is evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit on believers. The same “power from on high” has been given to us at our baptism and confirmation. Like the first Apostles, we are now the soldiers of Christ and his witnesses in today’s world. May we all become aware of the presence of the spirit in us. Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23 rd	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Andrew Vrahimedes RIP Gerard Cambridge RIP
Sunday 24 th Pentecost	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Anthony Torr RIP Chris Hindmarch RIP Marie Glennon
Monday 25 th <i>Mary Mother of the Church</i>	St Ann's	10am	Olivia Cash RIP
Tuesday 26 th <i>St Philip Neri</i>	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's Christ Church	10am 12 noon 6.30pm 6.30pm	Deceased members of the Furphy family Requiem Mass Mary Unwin Private Intention RO Fr Peter Sharrocks
Wednesday 27 th	Christ Church	10am	Special Intention J.H.
Thursday 28 th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>	St Chad's	9.30am	Deceased members of the Beatty Family
Friday 29 th	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Rosaria, Antonietta, Pietro, Stalia, Rita, Giuseppina, Maria, Alesandro and Angelo RIP Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 30 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Eileen Banks RIP Gerry Duffy RIP
Sunday 31 st The Most Holy Trinity	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Thanksgiving for a successful operation Deceased members of the Browne Family For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Christine Dawson (Sutton) 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, **St Chad's:** Thursdays 10am-4pm, Please sign up for a slot for Adoration at St Chad's. Please note there will be no Friday Adoration at St Ann's until 19th June.

ROSARY, St Chad's: 9am every Sunday and Thursday, **St Ann's:** 4.30pm every Saturday and 10.30am every Sunday **Christ Church** 9.30am every Friday.

All Parishes Notices

Special Blessing: At all Masses over the weekend of 6th/7th June there will be a special blessing for all those who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year. If this is you, please let Victoria know stchadsheadle@gmail.com stating which anniversary you are celebrating and which Mass you will attend.

The Power of Prayer: final session this Thursday 7.30pm in the parish room at St Ann's.

Calling all past and future participants of RCIA: Following our many RCIA courses over the past few years, we would like to invite all past RCIA participants, as well as those considering joining the Catholic church to join us for a social gathering. to meet other like minded new Christians who have recently become Catholic. This will take place on Saturday 20th June from 1.30pm - 4.00pm at St Ann's. This will be an opportunity for fellowship, as well as discussion on how we can continue to support you as you continue on your journey in faith. Refreshments will be served. You don't have to stay for the whole session but it would be nice to all meet up together once again. Please feel free to bring along your children, partners and friends.

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

Wellspring: Since next Sunday (May 31st) 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, multi-packs of chocolate biscuits, sugar, cooked meats for sandwich-filling, coffee, long-life milk, sleeping bags and warm outdoor clothing. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: takes place every Sunday during term time.

Thursday Coffee: after Mass every Thursday, all welcome. This week raised £67.50 for The Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

Knit and Knatter: meet again this Wednesday 27th May 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Piety Stall: Cards and gifts for Communion and Confirmation. Plus, a good selection of books for young people.

St Chad's Summer Fair: will take place on Saturday 4th July 2026 12pm-2pm. We are now starting to collect *bottles for the tombola*. Any bottles can be placed in the cupboards at the back of church. We will begin collecting other items nearer the time. Thank you!

300 Club: this months winners of £20 each are: 256 – Lesley Thompson, 116 – Richard York, 92 – Ann Lloyd.

SVP Children's Holiday: Each year, the SVP take a group of 9-12 year old boys and girls for a 1 week activities holiday at an outward bound centre in North Wales. These are children who would otherwise not get a holiday. The holiday costs have risen sharply in recent years and now total around £16,000. The main fund-raiser is an annual sponsored walk starting this year at 1.00 pm on Sunday June 7th, from the coffee shop next to the Boars Head pub (SK12 1TE) in Higher Poynton. The SVP would like to ask parishioners to please support the fund-raiser by sponsoring the walkers. You can do this as you leave church after mass, from next Sunday. All parishioners are also most welcome to take part in the walk.

Birthday Celebration: Ann Duffy has turned 80 this week! To celebrate, she would like to invite everyone to join her for refreshments in the hall after 9.30am Mass next Sunday (31st May). All very welcome to attend.

Christ Church

Standing Order Forms: a gentle reminder to all those who took forms to set up Standing Orders to please return them to the parish office so that we can process these and update our records. If you have set up your own standing order and would like to Gift Aid your offering, please also complete and return the form to us. We are unable to claim the Gift Aid without a form giving your permission for us to do so.

Christ Church continued

Coffee & Chat –continues every Wednesday morning after mass. All welcome.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Mondays 2pm-3pm in Church (via the side door near the hall). All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

SVP: There is still time to join the SVP in our parish: if you can help in visiting or in arranging visits to those in need. As we visit in pairs need a viable number involved to be able to do this if you can spare the occasional hour or so please complete the form in the porch and return it to the office.

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

World Communication Day: at Christ Church we collected £335.20, thank you very much.

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. No Collection in May.

Please pray for Mary Unwin whose requiem will be this Tuesday and for Margaret Aldrich whose requiem will be on 19th June at 1pm.

St Ann's

Friday Adoration: Friday of this week (29th) will be the final day of Adoration until we resume after the half term break on Friday 19th June.

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! All welcome.

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Children's Liturgy in May, but we will resume on June 14th. 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, or email the parish. Thank you

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

Sponsored Walk for the SVP Children's Camp: (See notice under St Chad's for more details!) Unfortunately, Roisin is out of action for the walk this year, so Cathy, Eileen and Liz will be walking. Members of the SVP will be outside after both Masses this weekend and next, collecting Sponsorship pledges as well as any cash people would like to give immediately! Thank you.

Afternoon Tea: The SVP will be hosting an Afternoon Tea on Monday 15th June, from 2pm - 3:30pm in the Parish Room and **people from all three of our parishes are welcome to attend.** There is no charge, but it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers, so please let Julie know, or email the parish if you'd like to come.

Corpus Christi: After the 11am Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi (7th June), Fr Louis will lead us in a short procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church grounds with the singing of hymns, adoration and prayers, culminating with Benediction. In true tradition of Corpus Christi Processions of old, the children will be invited to lead the Blessed Sacrament in procession by strewing flower petals, laying a carpet of flowers for the Blessed Sacrament to pass over, with the congregation following behind. Children wishing to take part should report to the parish room at about 10:45 am to receive instructions for strewing. As Corpus Christi is the feast of The Body of Christ, it would be particularly symbolic if the children could wear their First Holy Communion outfits. All children who still have outfits from previous years are invited to wear them if possible. Those attending Saturday evening Mass, but intending to join the procession on Sunday, need to arrive by 11:45 am. Donations of petals will be gratefully received from Thursday 4th June.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Relics of St Gerard Majella: In the last week of May, our diocese will be privileged to host the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. There will be four locations across the Diocese; The Cathedral, Chester, New Brighton, and Stockport. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. The relics will at St Joseph's Stockport and will be available for personal prayer from 6pm, there will be a Mass and sermon at 7pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relic. See poster for full details.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026: the plane for our 2026 75th anniversary pilgrimage is now full. There are still some spaces available to travel over land by coach. More information at website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. If they plan to travel independently and organise their own accommodation in Lourdes you still need to register with our pilgrimage, especially if you wish to volunteer or join the pilgrimage Masses, liturgies and events. You can register via our new online booking system <https://shrewsburylourdes.fillout.com/application>.

Vacancy: for a Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies. If interested, please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

St Ambrose Grammar School for boys ages 11-18: are holding an open day on Saturday 27th June from 9.30am-12.30pm. See posters on the noticeboards for more information or visit www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk.

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. The next course will be Thursday 4 June 2026 at St Ann's at 7pm. You must book a place by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com. Please note that Catholic Parents/Godparents will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate before the baptism, and also that it is a **maximum of two Godparents** which is allowed.

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.

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 Duffy, Charles Meehan, Francis Evans, Elfrieda Walsingham, Ellen O'Shea, Hugh Meaney, Catherine Yarwood, Martin Kelly, Wilfred Jackson, Gladys Bland, David Gallagher, James Adams, Ethel Berry, Stephen Usher, Mark Dillon, Ann Tasker, Susan Crudden, Betti Agostini 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, David Scott, Mick Johnson, Toni Bradley, Ita Griffin, Anna Curley, Peter La Mattina, Julie Eyres, 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, Andrew Ward 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, George Webster, Anne Dennison, Mary Finch and all parishioners who are ill. Please pray for Peter Logan, Vera Briggs, Michael Flatley, Mary Unwin, Aldrich and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.