

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

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Sunday 30th August 2026 – Twenty Second Sunday Year A

Dear Friends in Christ,

A heartfelt thank you for your spiritual presence at my Chor-Bishop ordination in India on 13 August 2026. Your support truly brightened my day. I have now been ordained as a city bishop in the Catholic Church, entrusted with the ministry of praising, worshiping, preaching and leading the people of God.

My primary responsibilities are to offer praise and sincere sacrifice, to live as a warrior of Christ, to uphold the teachings of the Church, and to guide, lead, and support the faithful. I am called to serve as a leader of the city church, a teacher, an instructor, and a role model of Catholic faith. Please pray constantly that I may fulfill all these responsibilities with courage, prudence and wisdom.

As we enter the first day of September, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lady. In connection with this feast, we will be holding a novena at St. Chad's. A novena is a Catholic devotion consisting of prayers offered over nine consecutive days, usually for a particular intention, feast, grace, or through the intercession of a Saint or of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The word *novena* comes from the Latin *novem*, meaning nine. The number nine carries a special biblical and Christian significance.

The most well-known biblical origin of the novena is found after the Ascension of Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the disciples, together with Mary and other women, devoted themselves to prayer while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had instructed them to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father (Acts:1: 4-5). From the Ascension until Pentecost there are nine days, and the prayer of the disciples during this period is traditionally regarded as the first novena.

A novena is not a form of magic, nor a guarantee that God will grant a particular request after nine days. Its purpose is to deepen our faith, hope, perseverance, repentance, and communion with God.

Let us celebrate this year's novena at St. Chad's with devotion. I personally appreciate and thank the various ministries of St. Chad's for making all the arrangements.

With my prayers and blessings, Chor-Bishop Msgr. Louis

Fr Louis Celebration Events: to celebrate Fr Louis's elevation to Chor-Bishop our parishes will be holding the following celebration events. All welcome to attend any of the celebrations.

St Chad's Wednesday 2nd September from 7pm (after 6.30pm Mass)

St Ann's Saturday 5th September from 6pm (after 5pm Mass)

Christ Church Wednesday 9th September from 10.30am (after 10am Mass)

Our Lady's Prayer Garden at St Chad's: All welcome to attend. The schedule will be as follows:

Date	Rosary	Mass
Tuesday 1 st September	6pm	6.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd September	6pm	6.30pm
Thursday 3 rd September	9am	9.30am
Friday 4 th September	6pm	6.30am
Saturday 5 th September	10.30am	11am
Sunday 6 th September	9am	9.30am
Monday 7 th September	6pm	6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th September	6pm	6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th September	6pm	6.30pm

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 29 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For Mary & Mohan Mathew (Golden Wedding) Barbara Regan RIP
Sunday 30 th Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Yvonne Towey RIP Mary Flanagan RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Vincent Lavin RIP
Monday 31 st	St Ann's	10am	Mike Brookes RIP
Tuesday 1 st September	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Tom Hulse RIP Deceased members of St Chad's SVP Pat Higgins RIP
Wednesday 2 nd	Christ Church St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Mary Lavin RIP 5 th Anniversary Brian Kavanagh RIP
Thursday 3 rd <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	St Chad's	9.30am	Chris Hindmarch RIP
Friday 4 th	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's	10am 10am 6.30pm	For Fr Martin Onuoha (25 th Anniversary Ordination) Vocations to the Priesthood Eileen Banks RIP
Saturday 5 th	St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	11am 5pm 6.30pm	Noreen Kelly In thanksgiving For the parishioners of our 3 parishes
Sunday 6 th Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Peter Murphy RIP Deceased members of the Murphy Family Chris Hindmarch RIP Paolo Pogliano Fernanda Cremonti 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 <i>At other times by request.</i>			
ADORATION: Christ Church: No Adoration at Christ Church this Wednesday, Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am, St Chad's 10am-4pm every Thursday, St Ann's 10.30am – 4pm every Friday. Please sign up for slots at St Chad's and St Ann's.			
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.			

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 2026: Due to unforeseen circumstances 2 rooms have just become available. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Christine, Delia or Christ Church parish office.

St Chad's Players: The January 2027 pantomime will be Hansel and Gretel. The first meeting to discuss this will be held on Sunday Sept 6th at 5.00 pm in St. Chad's church hall and rehearsals will follow on Sunday evenings (5 - 7 pm.) from then onwards, with longer and/or extra rehearsals, closer to the performances. New members of all ages from all three parishes are most welcome to join the group, either on stage or off stage. More information is available from John Murray on 282-5567 or 07836-355182.

RCIA: Do you want to learn about the Catholic faith? Do you want to understand your faith better? Are you from another faith, baptised or not? Are you a baptised Catholic yet have not received all the sacraments? Our next RCIA programme will begin on Tuesday 1st September 7.30pm in the parish rooms at St Ann's, Vicarage Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7JW. If you are interested in joining the programme, please email stchadscheadle@gmail.com and the link will be emailed to you.

Piety Stalls: There are some exciting new gifts available on our Piety Stalls (at St Ann's this is on the counter in the porch, nearest the Parish Room exit, in the porch at Christ Church and outside the hall at St Chad's), so if you haven't had a look for a while, take another look now! Money can be left in the box by the stall, or paid for using the DONA card machine.

Faith References: if you are applying for a job, school place or governor role and are in need of a faith reference, please speak to the priest before submitting your application. Please note that in addition to asking about regular attendance at Mass, the references usually ask for information on your contribution to the parish and your involvement in wider parish life and activities. In order to provide a strong faith reference, the priest will need to be confident of your active participation in the parish.

Baptism Certificates: Please note, if you require a duplicate copy of a baptism certificate please make your request with a minimum of 2 weeks notice. This gives time for us to check the registers and prepare the certificate which needs to be signed by the priest. Fee is by donation (suggested donation of £10 per certificate).

Volunteering in our parishes: We are always in need of volunteers (both adults and children) across all our parishes and there are many roles, ministries and events that you can get involved in. Please see the leaflets at the back of church for more information.

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.

St Chad's

Wellspring: Since this Sunday (August 30th) 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, sugar, cooked meats for sandwich-filling, long-life milk, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, toiletries such as shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste and bottles of cordial. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy: resumes next Sunday 6th September.

Thursday Coffee: after Mass every Thursday all welcome.

Knit and Knatter: meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. All welcome.

Adoration: resumes this week, 3rd September. Please sign up if you can commit to a definite hour, otherwise just pop in whenever you can, for as long as you like.

Christ Church

Cake Sunday: next week 6th September.

Children's Liturgy: resumes next Sunday 6th September at the 11am Mass. **Help needed!** We need someone to join our lovely infant liturgy team at the 11am mass. It would be for just one Sunday each month. No experience required, just a willingness to serve. Please contact Christine Bodley, one of the team or the Parish office for more information.

Parish Draw August Winners: No 1 Angela Bell; No 60 Charles Jepson; No 80 Pauline Smith Cheques are in the Piety Shop.

Rosary: 9.30am on Friday

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

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group: the prayer meetings have finished for the summer break. We will resume the prayer meetings again on September 21st.

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, we 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.

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 August.

Let us know who you are: there are forms 'updating parish register' in the porch near the office door; please complete one if you haven't done so before or if there are any changes.

Mass Intentions: Please note if you are asking for a specific date, please give 2 months notice, if possible.

St Ann's

Friday Adoration at St Ann's resumes THIS WEEK (on the 4th). The sign up sheets for the first two Fridays are now up on the noticeboard in the porch, so please sign up if you can commit to a definite hour, otherwise just pop in whenever you can, for as long as you like.

St Ann's continued

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.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Apologies for the lateness of this news, but it has been quite complicated getting all of the numbers together. However, the great news is that this year £1403 was raised for the Children's Camp by St Ann's, which is our best yet, so a huge thank you to all those who sponsored the walkers.

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.

Wythenshawe Safespots: This is a locally based Women's Domestic Abuse Charity which helps ladies who are or have been subjected to domestic abuse. Like many charities, we are in need of funding to keep this valuable service going. Please see the poster in the porch which has a QR code and any donation would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Mass Requests: When requesting a Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please either put any donation you'd like to make in the request envelope, or else use the 'Mass Offering' option on the DONA machine to make a donation. Thank you.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Vacancies: The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member and The Curial office is recruiting an Accounts Assistant. Closing date 18th September. CV's to be sent to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. More details found <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

Footsteps: Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm at St Peter's Hazel Grove, the Bishop of Stockport, Sam Corley will be talking about 'Lessons in prayer from the South Pacific'. All welcome.

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group: meet at St Vincent's RC Church, Altrincham. September dates are: Saturday 5th September at 6.30 pm, Saturday 26th September at 6.30 pm (Bible study, please bring your Bible or let us know if you would like one). Contact southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

The Dimensions of Love – Fr Tom's Pilgrimage: To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah will undertake a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, beginning on 3 September. Along the way, he will be praying for vocations and raising awareness and funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Parishioners can follow his journey on Caritas social media. See poster at back of churches for more information.

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Next course will be Thursday 3rd September 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 and also that it is a **maximum of two Godparents** which is allowed.

St Chad's: Please pray for Margaret-Anne Cavanagh and all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Catherine Lonergan, Maria McGranaghan, Sheila Hall, Rose Anne McGinn, George Higgins, Anne Swinhoe, Vincent Booth, Ada Jones, Millicent Haynes, Trevor Dell, Michael Coll, William Whitworth, Mary Lore, William Lees, Gertrude Miller, Jenny Hughes 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, 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 7), Luigi Stefanelli, Gerry McKendry, Jill Harper, Ian Burnett, Pat O'Dell, Joanne Wilson, Margaret-Anne Cavanagh 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, Ann Lyth, Pat Whitehead, Leo Byrne, David Kersys, Gerard Lanigan, George Webster, Anne Dennison, Mary Finch, Jane Johnson, Mary Satchell, Margaret-Anne Cavanagh, Mary Finnegan and all parishioners who are ill. Please pray for Peter Logan, Vera Briggs, Michael Flatley, Mary Unwin, Margaret Aldrich, Katrina Clyne, Warren Harper, Sheila Ryder, Caroline O'Sullivan, Catherine Cain, Kevin Evans and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.