

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

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Sunday 9th August 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A

As many parishioners have kindly asked for clarification regarding the meaning and responsibilities of the office of ChorBishop, I am pleased to offer the following explanation. The title ChorBishop is an ancient ecclesiastical designation preserved in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox traditions. While the office became less extensive in the Western Church and the Latin Rite—where its closest equivalent is the title Monsignor—it has remained a meaningful and honourable role in the Christian East, including within the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church.

Historically, the term ChorBishop (literally “rural” or “country bishop”) referred to a bishop entrusted with pastoral oversight of Christian communities outside major urban centres. Whereas the diocesan bishop exercised authority within the city, the ChorBishop assisted by caring for the faithful in villages and rural regions. The Church historian Eusebius first mentions this office in his writings in the second century. As Christianity spread beyond cities into the countryside, the Church recognised the need for structured pastoral administration in these newly formed communities. ChorBishops were therefore appointed to support the ministry of the diocesan bishop, strengthen priests in their pastoral duties, and guide the faithful—especially those living in dispersed or mission territories.

In the contemporary Eastern Catholic tradition, including the Syro-Malankara Church, the office of ChorBishop continues to signify a trusted collaborator of the bishop: one who serves quietly yet effectively, offering leadership, counsel, and pastoral support for the good of the wider Church. Fr. Louis.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 8 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Felim & Sean Kelly RIP Barbara Regan RIP
Sunday 9 th Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Martin & Elizabeth Davies 55 th Wedding Anniversary John Murray RIP Mary & Hugh O'Donnell RIP Pauline Ryan RIP
Monday 10 th <i>St Lawrence</i>	St Ann's	10am	Special Intention (Uma & Colin)
Tuesday 11 th <i>St Clare</i>	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Kathleen Hayes Deceased members St Chad's SVP Paula O'Donnell RIP
Wednesday 12 th	Christ Church	10am	Raferty Family
Thursday 13 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Noreen Donoghue RIP
Friday 14 th <i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	St Ann's Christ Church Christ Church	10am 10am 12pm	For Fr Louis on his Ordination as ChorBishop Zofia Stepkowska RIP Funeral Service Kevin Evans
Saturday 15 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Special Intention (CGH) Michael Higgins RIP
Sunday 16 th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Carmel Considine Peter Flanagan RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Warren Harper 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: No Adoration at Christ Church this Wednesday, Fridays after Mass 10.30am-11am,
Please note Adoration at **St Chad's** and **St Ann's** is now suspended until 3rd/4th September respectively.

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.

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.

All Parishes Notices

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: Are at the back of all our churches with religious cards, books and gifts for all occasions. Please do take a look. 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.

St Chad's

Children's Liturgy: is now on a break for the Summer and resumes on Sunday 6th September. Thank you to our leaders for preparing the sessions each week and to all the families that attend.

Thursday Coffee: after Mass every Thursday all welcome.

Knit and Knatter: meet again this Wednesday 12th August 1pm-3pm in the church. All welcome.

Adoration: Thursday Adoration is now suspended for the summer holiday, this will resume on Sept 3rd 2026.

St Chad's continued

Our Lady's Prayer Garden at St Chad's: September marks the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will once again be holding a special Novena of prayer to Our Lady through the Rosary and Mass from Tuesday 1st September to Wednesday 9th September. The services will take place in the garden (weather permitting), led by different parish groups. 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

Christ Church

Adoration: Please note there is no Adoration this Wednesday 12th August.

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.

Gift Aid envelopes: Please do not use old/last years envelopes. The number on the envelope changes.

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

Adoration: Friday Adoration is now suspended for the summer holiday and will resume on September 4th.

Accident: Debbie is very grateful to the person who scraped her car for coming forward when they realised what had happened.

Funeral on Tuesday: The Requiem Mass at 10am on Tuesday is for Kathleen Hayes, who was Elaine Noar's mother.

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: 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.

St Ann's continued

Donations: there is now a link on the St Ann's website that enables people to make a donation via DONA , just scroll down the front page and click on Donate Here. 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.

Keeping in Touch: If you would like to be added to the Newsletter email circulation list and / or the general Parish Information email list, then please email the parish at stannsheadleholme@gmail.com to let us know.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Kelly Pilgrimages-Truly Catholic: Join us on 16–18 October 2026 for a sacred journey to Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock, where faith and history unite. Accompanied by Father Tony McGrath as spiritual director, this weekend pilgrimage offers prayer, reflection, and fellowship at the site of the 1879 apparition. Please see more details on posters at the back of church.

The National Eucharistic Congress Adoremus will be held in London on Saturday 10th October. The day will begin with Holy Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark and there will a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral Southwark to Westminster Cathedral. If you would like to be part of the Shrewsbury Diocese Pilgrimage Group to Adoremus, please register an interest with Mrs Natalie Orefice via email: natalie.oreface@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Baptisms: For children under 7 years of age: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. There is no course during August – the 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 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: A Catholic funeral is a time of prayer, worship, and thanksgiving to God for the life of the deceased. The funeral director normally makes first contact with the parish to arrange the date and time of the funeral. They will coordinate the arrangements between the family, parish, cemetery/ crematorium and themselves. Once the date is arranged, we will get in touch with the family to discuss the order of service. We have documents with suggested readings and hymns to help with this. Please note that only religious music is allowed in church. Visiting priests are most welcome but they should follow the practices of our parishes, and if they are from a different Diocese, they will need to provide their Celebret in advance of the service. If you have any questions or would like to discuss please contact Victoria.

St Chad's: Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for Noreen Donoghue and all those who have died recently. We also remember: Josephine Wiseman, Geoffrey McCumesky, Annie Pilling, Hilda Turner, Kathleen Conroy, Elizabeth Grimshaw, Harry Carrigher, Ethel Masterson, Vera Barnes, Margaret Simcoe, Anne Madden, George Hislop, Evelyn Halstead, Edith Williams, Agnes Davidson, Agnes Madden, Agnes Collins, John McCormack, Margaret Carter, John Smith, Monica Charnock 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 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 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.