

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

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Sunday 6th September 2026 – Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



Message on the Terminally Ill Assisted Dying Bill returning to the House of Commons

I write with some urgency to all the people of the Diocese, as for the third time in little more than a decade, we face a threat to remove legal protections to permit medically assisted suicide, with all the consequences for some of the most vulnerable. I ask you to write to your Member of Parliament to urge them to oppose a re-introduced Private Members Bill to be brought to the House of Commons on Friday 11th September.

In 2015 a Bill to permit medically assisted suicide was overwhelmingly rejected by the House of Commons. In 2024, a Bill with the same object of removing legal protections from the sick and the aged, passed by a small margin in the House of Commons and in June 2025, the same Bill completed its passage with even narrower majority.

This Bill did not survive scrutiny in the House of the Lords due to the dangers it posed and fell in the face of some 1,200 amendments and numerous concerns raised by medical and professional bodies, those representing the disabled, and organisations concerned with mental health and domestic abuse. I think you will be incredulous that this Bill is now back in virtually unamended form. The euthanasia lobby will not easily give up its efforts to breach long-established protections in our laws, and we must be as resolute and tireless in our own stand for the value of every human life and the protection of those most vulnerable.

As Christians we oppose medical killing in principle. The sanctity of human life is one of the great gifts which Christianity brought to human civilisation. However, in writing to your Member of Parliament we need to also highlight the dangerous consequences of this deeply flawed Bill becoming law. We need to point out with many others the threat posed to some of the most vulnerable and the need for the adequate provision of palliative care, seen in the wonderful work of our hospices. Let us pray for all our Members of Parliament and that the threat of euthanasia (the medical killing of the sick and the aged) be decisively rejected in the weeks ahead.

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Bishop of Shrewsbury

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Monday 7 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Michael & Jean Taggart RIP Shelagh Tynan RIP
Tuesday 8 th	St Ann's St Chad's Christ Church	10am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Margaret Cunningham RIP Deceased members of St Chad's SVP Peter Rainsford RIP
Wednesday 9 th	Christ Church St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Leonard Dunn RIP Fr James Anthony RIP
Thursday 10 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Private Intention GEJ
Friday 11 th	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Pietro, Antonietta, Angelo & Italia RIP Karina Chapman
Saturday 12 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Private Intention Pat Higgins RIP
Sunday 13 th Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Deceased members of the Malony Family Janie Foster RIP Edward & Vincent English RIP Ann McGurrin 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.

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

Fr Louis Celebration Event: final event to celebrate Fr Louis's elevation to Chor-Bishop our parishes will be this Wednesday 9th September at Christ Church 10.30am (after 10am Mass)

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

Date	Rosary	Mass
Monday 7 th September	6pm	6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th September	6pm	6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th September	6pm	6.30pm

Pray for Priests: the September Leaflet is available in the porches of all our parishes.

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 this Sunday Sept 6th at 5.00pm 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: There is still time to join our RCIA programme which is held on Tuesday evenings 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 stchadsheadle@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.

Holy Father's prayer intention for September: For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

St Chad's

Children's Liturgy: begins this Sunday 6th September and continues every Sunday during term time.

Coffee Morning: after Mass every Thursday all welcome, this week raised £58.10 for Little Sisters of the Poor.

Knit and Knatter: meets again this Wednesday 9th September 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

300 Club: August winners were: 202 - John Hernon, 62 – Elizabeth Hibbert, 42 – Max Riebold.

St. Chad's 300 Club: It is the time of year that we renew membership of the 300 Club. We also welcome new members. The 300 Club pays for the upkeep of the church hall. The cost is £12 per year per number. There is no limit to how many numbers you can have. We have a draw each month and also Christmas and Easter bonus draws. For more information contact Chris Hall on 07966 283203.

Ladies Group: meet again this Monday 7th September 7pm. They will be arranging refreshments after the Novena Mass – all welcome to join them.

Christ Church

Cake Sunday: today (Sunday 6th September) come and enjoy your cake and drink!

Children's Liturgy: resumes today (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.

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.

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 Saturday 26th September.

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

Children's liturgy: next Sunday 13th September. Takes place every second Sunday of the month.

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.

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. Please note that whilst we do our best, we cannot guarantee a Mass on a specific date unless AT LEAST 2 months notice is given. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you.

St Ann's Bridge Club: We are a very friendly group of mixed ability who meet on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Room from 9:30 to 12noon. There is also teaching available for complete beginners. We would welcome anyone who'd like to come along and see how it works (no pressure to join)

Lavender: If you have Lavender growing in your garden, Shelagh Hulse would be very grateful if you could spare some of the flowering branches as she is making Lavender Bags and selling them to make money for Francis House. If you can help, please just bag your branches and leave them in the church or parish room asap. Thank you.

Other Local & Diocesan Events and News

Aquinas College Stockport Open Days: Saturday 19th September and Saturday 17th October 10am – 1pm.

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>

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group: meet at St Vincent's RC Church, Altrincham. September dates are: 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 is undertaking a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor, which began on 3 September. He will be praying for vocations and raising awareness/funds for Caritas. You can follow his journey on Caritas social media. See poster at back of churches for more details.

Baptisms: Both parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. Next course Thursday 1st October at St Ann's at 7pm. Please book by emailing stannsheadleholme@gmail.com. Please note that Catholic Parents/Godparents will need to provide a copy of their baptism certificate and 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: Wilfred Pearson, Alice Fallon, Harry Randall, Adela Buckle, Margaret Bollard, Esther Turner, George Hartley, Terence Mullaney, Tom Clark, Dorothy Slater, Joseph Livesey, Ken Mills, Patricia Currid, Theresa Beckett, Gerard Morrissey, George Simpkin, John Devitt, Agnes Deignan, John Conroy, Fr. Frank Gordon 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, Mary Finnegan, Margaret-Anne Cavanagh 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.