

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

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Sunday 18th May 2025 – 5th Sunday Easter

A Reflection on Mary and May

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we consider our spiritual mother and perfect model of true discipleship. This beautiful tradition is deeply rooted in centuries of Catholic Marian devotions, filled with prayers, hymns and rituals, reflections honouring Mary's role in faith and spirituality. Following are some of the Marian devotions in the Catholic tradition in May. **May Crowning:** The crowning of Mary is a heartfelt and symbolic act that offers the faithful, especially families and children, a chance to publically honour Mary as the Queen of Heaven and our Spiritual Mother. By placing a crown of flowers on her statue, we symbolically profess Mary's dignity and her spiritual Queenship. Just as the Queen Mother in Ancient Israel held a special place beside the king (1 Kings 2:19), so too does Mary reign alongside her Son, the King of Kings. The book of Revelation also provides substantial evidence, "A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1), so in honoring Mary, we grow closer to Christ, welcoming her gentle presence into our lives and acknowledging that Mary, the Mother of God, is a precious gift from Heaven itself. **Praying the Rosary:** Many believers dedicate extra time to praying the Rosary, contemplating the life of Christ through Mary's perspective. **Marian Altars and shrines:** Homes and Churches often set up special places adorned with flowers, candles, and images of Mary for prayer and reflection. **Spiritual Reading:** Books and reflections on Mary's life and role in salvation history help deepen faith and understanding. **Singing Marian Hymns:** Music also plays a vital role in May devotion. Singing is a joyful form of prayer and helps connect the heart more deeply to the devotion. **Acts of Charity in Mary's Name:** Imitating Mary's virtues, many believers also commit to acts of service, charity or almsgiving during May. Let us embrace May as a time of renewal, mirroring Mary's nurturing love and grace and striving to follow her example in faith and humility. Fr. Louis.

Please pray for:

St Chad's: Please pray for Kathy Gilronan and all those who are sick. Please let us know if you would like to add anyone to the list. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Josephine Ward, Josephine Harman, Mary Browne, Joan Hitchin, Denis McHale, Norah Roberts, Mary Meaney, George Bains, Mary Dillon, Richard Johnson, John Flanagan, Maureen Laughlin, Paddy Gavin, Reginald Frith, Bridget McDonnell, Colette Richardson, Neil Gallagher, Bernard Mallalieu, Edith Hurst, Winifred McDonald, Raymond Manning and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

St Ann's: Debbie Burnett, Colleen Zacharias, Effy Hull (Aged 5), Tim Driscoll, Martin Darcy, David Scott, Mick & Jodie Johnson, Toni Bradley, Sheila O'Shea, Ita Griffin, Anna Curley, Peter La Mattina, Margaret McCausland, Julie Eyres, Chris Hindmarch, Roy Hatton, Mary Maloney and Jenny Morgan who are sick, all those who died recently, his family and friends and all those grieving the death of a loved one, all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Christ Church: Please pray for Caroline O'Sullivan and Ann Lyth who are ill.

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 17 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Mary Buckley RIP George Paul RIP
Sunday 18 th 5 th Sunday <i>Easter</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Martin Bergin Melissa Patterson RIP For the parishioners of our 3 parishes James and Edith Lanigan RIP Anniversary
Mon 19 th	St Ann's	10am	Frank O'Sullivan RIP
Tues 20 th	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's	10am 10am 6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Ian Dommett Peter Smith Marion York RIP
Wed 21 st	Christ Church	10am	Carmel Bowers RIP
Thurs 22 nd	St Chad's	9.30am	Olive O'Rourke RIP
Fri 23 rd	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Connie Reid RIP Vocations to the Priesthood
Sat 24 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	For Helen Langan (end of life) P Lavin RIP
Sunday 25 th 6 th Sunday <i>Easter</i>	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	For the parishioners of our 3 parishes Patsy Sweeney RIP Lily & Frank Murphy RIP Ian Dommett
CONFESSIONS, St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm <i>At other times by request</i>			
ADORATION Christ Church: Wednesdays 9.15am-10am, St Chad's: Thursdays 10am-6pm, St Ann's Fridays 10.30am-5pm			
ROSARY, St Chad's: 9am every Sunday St Ann's: 10.30am every Sunday and 4.30pm every Saturday			

All Parishes Notices

First Holy Communion: we pray for all of the children at Cheadle Catholic Junior School who have made their First Holy Communion at our parishes over the past two weekends.

Parishes Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral, Saturday 13th September 2025. Leaving at approx 8.30am and returning at approx 6.30pm. The schedule for the day will be: 11am – Confessions, 12.15pm – Pilgrim Mass followed by Lunch in the Orchard Cafe, 2pm – Cathedral Tour, 3pm – Jubilee Pilgrim Liturgy (finishes by 4pm). Price £20 per person includes coach and lunch of either Ploughman's Lunch, Soup or Jacket potato (orders for lunch will be taken nearer the time). Places will be allocated on First Come First Served basis. To book please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com.

Parishes Pilgrimage to the North East: A reminder that booking forms with non-refundable deposit of £150 per person should be returned to Christ Church Parish office by Sunday 25th May to secure your place. Cheques should be made payable to Christ Church Heald Green. Please mark your envelopes 'Pilgrimage'.

LMA Jubilee Walk Between Parishes: We are planning a Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk between the three Parishes, to take place on Saturday 7th June. We will start at St Chad's at 1pm, walk to Christ Church and then on to St Ann's, with refreshments available at each church, and a light bite at St Ann's. We will finish with mass at St Ann's, to celebrate the pilgrimage and the collaboration between our three churches. The whole route is just over 4 miles, though people can just do as much or as little of the walk as they wish - it should be an enjoyable stroll. Families of all ages are welcome!

Reception Places Available – September 2025: Cheadle Catholic Infant School currently has Reception places available for September 2025. If you would like more information or would like to arrange a tour of the school, please contact Mrs Glynn on 0161 485 8733 headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk Cheadle Catholic Infant School welcomes children from all faith backgrounds.

Thank you Celebrations: each parish will hold their own celebration to say thank you to all those who minister and volunteer in any capacity in our churches including: altar servers, cleaners, flower arrangers, children's liturgy, choir/musicians, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, members of the PPC, finance committees, Health and Safety, maintenance team, piety stall, counters, welcomers, those who lead the rosary, those who help with refreshments after Mass. The Celebrations will be as follows:

For Christ Church: Friday 13th June from 7pm,

For St Ann's: Saturday 14th June from 7.30pm

For St Chad's: Tuesday 17th June from 7pm

For all parishes, please RSVP by Sunday 8th June at the latest to stchadsheadle@gmail.com, stating which parish you are in, so that we have numbers. Thank you.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: over the weekend of 14/15 June we will have a special blessing during Masses for all those who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year. If this is you, please email stchadsheadle@gmail.com to let us know. Thank you

St Joseph's Football Tournament: due to unforeseen circumstances this event has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday 30th August 10am-3pm. We are still in need of teams, referees, marshalls to help with the day, so please get in touch stockportshrine@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you.

St Chad's

Advance Notice: the Requiem Mass for Sheila Danson will take place on Friday 30th May at 1.30pm.

Knit and Knatter: meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

Thursday Coffee: raised £63 for Cornerstones. Thank you very much.

Wellspring Since next Sunday (May 25th) is the last Sunday of the month, there will be the monthly collection for Wellspring. The items particularly needed at the moment are shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, wet wipes, tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes and long life milk. Thank you.

CAFOD: Thank you to all who sponsored our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. We collected £310.00. Thank you also to the walkers!

Christ Church

Children's Liturgy: 11am. Please assemble before Mass starts. Following the opening procession the children divide into two groups. Children from pre-school age up to age 7/8 then go into the Hall accompanied by a parent. Older children remain in the room where they assembled before Mass.

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

Coffee and Chat continues every Wednesday after the 10am mass.

The 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. The date for the next collection is Saturday 31st May

Ladies Club: Thursday 22nd May 2pm – 4pm. Cheshire Wildlife Trust

St Ann's

Parish Lunch: We have booked a room at the Micker Brook for 12:30pm on Wednesday 21st May. Please sign up for it on the sheet in the porch, or email the parish, or let Julie know if you'd like to join us.

St Ann's Book Club: We usually meet at 2pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the Parish Room, when we chat about the book then enjoy tea/coffee and cake. HOWEVER, our next meeting has been brought forward by a week (to avoid the Bank Holiday) and will be on Monday 19th May. The new book for June is 'In the Shadow of the Queens' by Alison Weir. The book is supplied free of charge by Stockport Library so there's no cost, and we're a friendly group. Any enquiries please contact Jo Scapens on 07795 521691 or email: johanna28@btinternet.com. Newcomers are always welcome.

Adoration: Please sign up on the sheets in the porch if you can commit to a full hour, but if you cannot do that, you are still very welcome to pop in for as long as you like at any time during the day.

Mass requests: If you would like to request a Mass to be said for someone, please fill in one of the special Mass Request envelopes available in the porch and either pop it in the collection basket, put it through the presbytery letterbox or give it directly to Julie. Please write the information clearly and leave a phone number in case we have any questions about it. Thank you. Please be aware that requests for Saturday Masses are quite high, with a waiting time of around 3 months, but Masses on other days can be celebrated sooner.

Events/ News from Local parishes

St Joseph's Stockport Family Faith and Fun Days: the next event is today. Sunday 18th May, as it is the month of May our theme will be The Rosary and the message of Our Lady of Fatima. Our afternoon starts at 1.30, please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee and juice will be provided. At 2pm we will be showing a short film about the children of Fatima, the film is aimed at children, however adults are welcome to watch also, this will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the day will finish with Fun for children, adults too if they wish, and faith study. Please do come along and join in, all are very welcome.

Christian Aid: Poynton Brass Band are performing at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on Saturday 21 June. Ticket proceeds will be split between Christian Aid and the Band who are celebrating their 200th anniversary. Tickets priced at £10 and available on the Band's website poyntonband.co.uk/events

An evening talk on the Turin Shroud: St. Peter (Hazel Grove) are organising a talk on the Shroud of Turin by Michael Kowalski - Author and editor from the British Society for the Turin Shroud. It's on Thursday 26th June at 7.30 PM in St Peter's Parish centre. Including a full-sized replica of the world-famous Shroud of Turin Entry Fee: By donation, Refreshments are Included.

Day of Formation in Liturgical Prayer & Sacred Music: A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28th June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email stockportshrine@gmail.com

CAFOD and Laudato Si' Centre – Jubilee reflection : Come and take part in this joint venture between CAFOD in Shrewsbury and Salford to celebrate the Jubilee year. Spend time in the peaceful outdoor setting of the Laudato Si' Centre, to pause and reflect on the meaning of this special year, and how it calls us to reset, renew our faith and commit to building a fairer world where all people may flourish. **Venue:** The Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall M28 2ND. **Date:** 25th July, 9.30am-4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To book a place, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3hx3hbez>

Diocesan/Other news

Diocesan Mass for Marriage: The 2025 Diocesan Mass for Marriage will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 21st June at Holy Angels, Hale Barns, followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. Parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary can apply for an invitation from the Bishop's Office through Victoria.

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life: Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help. 7 June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm, Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HG To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07549226794

Youth Ministry Job Opportunity Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk for 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 5th June 2025 St Ann's at 7pm. Book a place by emailing stannschadlehulme@gmail.com. Please note: if your child is over 7 years of age, they will need to join our Children's Sacramental programme - dates to be confirmed.

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.