

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

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Sunday 11th May 2025 – 4th Sunday Easter – Vocation Sunday

Habemus papam! We have a new pope! Pope Leo XIV

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Reflections on Vocation Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also a World Day of Prayer for vocations. Let us reflect about the various vocations of God. It is evident that in our community people who have chosen various states of life. At present, there are three vocations prevalent in the Catholic Church.

Vocation to Married Life: The majority are those who marry and live as family. Each one of us is born and brought up in a family consisting of father, mother and children. Marriage is a state of life. God made Adam and Eve to dwell in the Garden of Eden and laid foundation for the first family. The family life, which God blessed in paradise, is being continued even today through generations. God specially called Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and led them to the married life. Even today God calls and sets apart each one who marries. It is because of the plan of God, that man and women are drawn to other and accept each other. This is how marriage is understood as a divine vocation. Marriage is a sacrament and mystery in the Church.

Vocation to Priesthood: God had specially called several people in the Old Testament for service. We see the prophets, priests, and kings being called, separated and specially chosen by God. The priests are those who are specially set apart for God and for divine services. A priest is one, who stands as intermediary between God and humanity and does service. Jesus Christ, who served, as the only intercessor between God, the Father and mankind, is the supreme priest. Jesus desired to continue his priestly service through the priests till the end of the world. Thus, priesthood is the sacrament Jesus instituted to share his priesthood. A priest has fundamentally three services: to teach, to sanctify, and to lead. The priest stands as a delegate of God and preaches the Word of God in his name, administrates the sacraments and gives spiritual leadership.

Vocation to Religious Life: Religious are those who fully dedicate themselves through the threefold vow of obedience, poverty, and chastity. They are specially called by God to attain Christian perfection through these three vows. God has a plan for everyone. Let us try to understand God's plan for our life and live accordingly. Fr. Louis.

Please pray for: **St Chad's:** Please pray for 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 and Mary Maloney, who are sick, Ian Dommett, 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 Ann Lyth and Margaret Crolla who are ill.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 10 th	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Bruce Reynish RIP For the Parishioners of our 3 Parishes
Sunday 11 th	Christ Church St Chad's St Ann's Christ Church	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	Tony Wood Mark Smith RIP Francis Dillon (recently deceased) Labeba Istefan RIP
Mon 12 th	St Ann's	10am	Anthony Morrissey RIP
Tues 13 th	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's	10am 10am 6.30pm	Philip Sprowson RIP Johnny Maloney Bernard Howell RIP
Wed 14 th	Christ Church	10am	Maureen Tetlock
Thurs 15 th	St Chad's	9.30am	Tony Moores RIP
Fri 16 th	St Ann's Christ Church	10am 10am	Reg Thornbury RIP For those making their First Holy Communion
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
CONFESSIONS, St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm <i>At other times by request</i>			
ADORATION St Chad's: Thursdays 10am-6pm, St Ann's Fridays 10.30am-6pm			
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 are making their First Holy Communion at this time. At St Chad's on 10th May and at St Ann's and Christ Church on 17th May.

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!

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

St Chad's

Knit and Knatter: will meet again this Wednesday 14th May 1pm-3pm in the church hall. All welcome.

SVP: today (11th May) there will be a retiring collection for the SVP. If you wish gift aid to be added to your offering, please use one of the envelopes. Thank you.

Christ Church

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes: If you would like to give regularly by envelope or standing order or move from using envelopes to standing order, please contact the office and fill in the appropriate forms.

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) 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 25th May

St Ann's

Volunteer for Counting Sunday Collections: We still haven't had a volunteer to replace the person who is having to leave the rota. The commitment is currently once every 6 weeks and you will be teamed up with an existing counter and training will be given. Please email the parish at stannsheadleholme@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Christian Aid Week: is 11 May - 17 May. Previously we have delivered envelopes to most households in Cheadle Hulme but our fantastic volunteers are resting their feet this year. So if you wish to donate you can do this online to our local page on the Christian Aid website

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2025/christian-aid-week-2025> If you'd rather use an envelope there are some in the porch - please return them to Church. The focus this year is Guatemala and the need to support communities who are impacted by climate change.

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.

Advance Notice: Ian Dommatt's Requiem Mass will take place at St Ann's at 10am on Tuesday 20th May.

Events/ News from Local parishes

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May 2025 from 7pm to 9pm - You are welcome to an evening of hearing the message of Fatima, hymns, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and veneration of the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Beginning with the celebration of Holy Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's Catholic Church, Green Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 1LD. Free parking on Green Lane from 6.30pm and nearby in the Rex Car Park, SK9 1NX

Footsteps at St Peter's Hazel Grove, 15th May 7.30pm – Mary Hardiman who will be talking about the Jubilee Year of Hope and in particular she'll explore what jubilee means and how we can experience the hope and freedom that God offers. All welcome.

St Joseph's Stockport Family Faith and Fun Days: Our next event is on 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. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr Sean via email at stockportshrine@gmail.com

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

Diocesan/Other news

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (11th May 2025) – Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to your parish priest or contact the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@g who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website www.Shrewsburyvocations.org www.ukvocation.org or www.ukpriest.org.

Lourdes Hospitality: Following a very positive meeting held early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place on Wed 21 May at 7pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Confirm your attendance at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

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 Fr Louis or 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 Barnes WA15 0HG To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07549226794

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025 - Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College 22nd - 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the chance to come together to explore faith, build relationships and find hope. Register at: youth2000.org/events/

Radio Maria: Join Radio Maria for a Worldwide Rosary live from the Chapel of the Apparitions at the heart of the Fátima Shrine. Pray with our global family on Tuesday, 13th May at 4pm. Listen on DAB+, online at RadioMariaEngland.uk, on the free Radio Maria Play app, or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England."

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 stannsheadleholme@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.

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.