

**CHRIST CHURCH**  
My house is a house of prayer



Our vision is  
to know God's love  
and to share God's love

## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH HEALD GREEN

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## EASTER SUNDAY & The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C 20/4-2/5 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord is the corner stone of Christian faith, a moment of triumph over death and darkness. Our world is currently enveloped by various forms of darkness. The darkness of hatred that ravages our world as terrorism, the darkness of the violence that stalks our streets and invades our homes, the darkness of the loneliness stemming from the loss of someone close to us, the darkness of isolation brought on by the breakdown of relationship. The Paschal candle symbolises Jesus in His new and Resurrected life dispelling of the darkness from our hearts and minds.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the ultimate victory of Light, Life and Truth. The empty tomb of Jesus is a profound declaration of the definitive triumph of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. On Easter Sunday the fog of disappointment and misunderstanding lifted and the world received a complete new message: **Christ defeated death.** Defeat was transformed into victory, death into life. Let us, therefore, not place a stone before Hope. We must have hope because God is faithful and does not abandon us; he visits us and enters into our situation of pain, anguish, disappointments, depression, and death. Darkness and death do not have the final words in our lives. His light dispels the darkness of the tomb. **Wishing you all a Blessed Happy Easter.** Fr. Louis.

**Notice:** A special thank you from Fr Louis and Fr Samuel to all our volunteers who have given their time in preparing our churches for Holy Week and the Easter services, we will have a get together very soon to thank all of our volunteers in the respective parishes.

After Easter, we will change to have only one newsletter for the three parishes – there will still be separate items for the activities at each parish, however, as many of the announcements are the same, we will have only one newsletter.

**CAKE & COFFEE after 9am Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Ladies club – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April -Sue Holden ‘and the Band played on’**

### Parish Pilgrimage

We are planning a pilgrimage to the North East of England from 29th September to 3rd October. We will be visiting Lindisfarne, Durham, Alnwick and other places of interest. Fr Louis and Fr Tony will be accompanying us. If you are interested, or would like to find out more, there will be a meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 6th May in the hall at Christ Church. All are welcome.

**The 3 Parishes Pilgrimage to Shrewsbury Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 are limited – and will be allocated on a First Come First Served basis. To book please email [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com).

**Holy Communion under both kinds** Until Easter, we will have both kinds on Sundays and Saturday evenings. After Easter we will include weekdays. We will continue with two ministers distributing the host and we will have two chalices available. Please note that if you wish to receive the precious blood, you must drink from the Chalice, it is not permissible to receive by Intinction (dipping the host).

### **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.


**The Divine Mercy Prayer Group. After (14th April) there won't be any more Divine Mercy prayer meetings until Monday 12th May.**

### **DAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at St Vincent's Church, Altrincham. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> For more information, please contact Noel Loughrey on [noel@loughreys.com](mailto:noel@loughreys.com)

**Divine Mercy and St Michael Retreat:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 2pm-3.30pm Birkenhead Carmelite Monastery, Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, Prenton, CH43 1UA. Led by Fr Matthew Szerszen CSMA. For more information contact [noreenbavister@btinternet.com](mailto:noreenbavister@btinternet.com) also see Poster at back of 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.

 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 26<sup>th</sup> April

### **Messages from Father Tony**

**The Joy of the Lord is my Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)** - All are welcome to join us for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at **St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.**

**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 - see poster.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** St Chad's are holding a family quiz night on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the church hall. Tickets cost £2 per adult and £1 per child. Bring your own drinks. Nibbles, tea/coffee provided. There will be a raffle on the night. All proceeds towards parish funds. For tickets email [stchadsheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadsheadle@gmail.com) or call 07905 519322.

### Mass Times and Intentions in our Local Missionary

Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday	St Ann's <b>Christ Church</b>	8.30pm <b>8.30pm</b>	Seamus Cronogue RIP <b>John Henry Recently deceased</b>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY Year C	<b>Christ Church</b> St Chad's <b>Christ Church</b> St Ann's	<b>9am</b> 9.30am <b>11am</b> 11am	<b>frank McDermott RIP</b> The Tilstone and McBride Families <b>Holy Souls</b> <b>For the Parishioners of our 3 parishes</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>No Mass</b>		
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Of the Easter Octave	<b>No Mass</b>		
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April Of the Easter Octave	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April Of the Easter Octave	St Chad's	9 30pm	Kate Martyne
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April Of the Easter Octave	St Ann' <b>Christ Church</b>	10 am 10.am	Mary Bergin RIP <b>Vocations to the Priesthood</b>
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> April Of the Easter Octave	St Ann's <b>Christ Church</b>	5 pm <b>6.30 pm</b>	Mary Buckley RIP <b>Maureen Tetlock</b>
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter Year C Divine Mercy Sunday	<b>Christ Church</b> St Chad's <b>Christ Church</b> St Ann's	<b>9am</b> 9.30am <b>11am</b> 11am	<b>Johnny Maloney</b> Mark Smith RIP <b>For the Parishioners of our 3 parishes</b> George Leverage RIP
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April St George	St Ann's	10 am	Requiem Mass for Anthony Hall
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> April St Catherine of Siena	St Ann's <b>Christ Church</b> St Chads	10am <b>No Mass</b> 6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Gerrard Murray  Julio V Tuazon Jr RIP
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Jimmy McLlayky RIP</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	St Chads	9.30am	Aidan Mansion
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius	St Ann's <b>Christ Church</b>	10am <b>10 am</b>	For Noreen Kelly (speedy recovery) <b>Vocations to the Priesthood</b>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Ss Philip & James Ap	St Ann's <b>Christ Church</b>	5pm <b>6.30pm</b>	Frank O'Sullivan RIP <b>Michael Burke</b>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> May Third Sunday of Easter Year C Divine Mercy Sunday	<b>Christ Church</b> St Chads <b>Christ Church</b> St Ann's	<b>9am</b> 9.30am <b>11am</b> 11am	<b>Rosemary Sloan Recovery</b> Megan Casey RIP. <b>Mary McCarthy</b> <b>For the Parishioners of our 3 parishes</b>
CONFESSIONS	St Chad's: Tuesdays 6.00pm-6.25pm      St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm <b>Christ Church: Wednesdays 9.15am – 9.45am</b>		
ADORATION	St Chad's: Tues 5.30pm St Ann's On Mon & Tues there will be Adoration before Mass from 9. <b>Christ Church</b> Wednesdays at 9am -10am & Fridays 10.30am-11am		
ROSARY	St Chad's: 9am every Sunday & Thursday. St Ann's: 10.30am every Sunday & 4.30pm every Sat		

Please pray for Ann Lyth and Margaret Crolla who are ill

## Events and News in the Diocese and beyond

**St Joseph's Football Tournament:** St Joseph's are organising a football tournament to raise funds for their ongoing, much needed, restoration works. We now need YOU players (adult males only), referees and stewards. This will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May 2025 at Cheadle Catholic School in Cheadle Hulme. What better way to spend a Bank Holiday – bring a picnic and support your parish. We are hoping to have a joint team between St Chad's and St Ann's and a second team at Christ Church. If you are willing to play/help in any way, please let us know [stchadscheadle@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscheadle@gmail.com).

### Stay Connected with the Diocese of Shrewsbury! 📱🙏

We're excited to launch our **new social media platforms** to keep you updated on news, events, and faith-filled content from across the **Diocese of Shrewsbury**! Follow us for inspiring stories, parish updates, and ways to grow in your faith. **Follow us on Facebook:** @shrewsdiocese **Instagram:** @shrewsdiocese **Twitter/X:** @shrewsdiocese. **Website:** [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

### 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.

**When:** 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm

**Where:** Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG

**To Register and for More Information please contact:**

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### Hope Through Action: Free Parish Training

A free session for parish teams responding to poverty will take place on Saturday 26 April (10am–12pm) at St Catherine's, Didsbury. To learn more and book, visit:

[www.tickettailor.com/events/resolvepoverty/1633068](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/resolvepoverty/1633068)

With warmest thanks for all that you do in your parish communities.

Peace and blessings,

Claire

Word search based on this Sunday's Gospel

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