

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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Streamed Masses and Devotions are available via our website

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Year C 13th April 2025

'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ'

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Palm Sunday is a momentous day in the Christian calendar, recalling Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah and the beginning of Holy Week. It invites us to contemplate the humility and majesty of Christ's kingship and to reflect on our commitment to follow Him on the path of love, sacrifice, and salvation. Today's Gospel passage portrays the invitation to follow Christ amid suffering, adversity and the cost of discipleship. It emphasises the importance of surrendering to God's will, embracing the cross, and remembering Jesus' sacrifice as central elements of the Christian faith journey.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus is apparently at the height of his popularity, having received a rousing welcome because of his fame as a wonder-working teacher. As we enter into Holy Week, everything changes to betrayal, torture, and death. The admiring throng and hosannas are things of the past. Even being a participant in the Last Supper does not prevent one from betraying Jesus. The man dying on the cross like a common criminal does not in any way appear like the Messiah who was acclaimed just a few days earlier. Jesus' story can be our story. What we contemplate today and this Week is a graphic and realistic account of what every human life is. Finally, the victory is ours.

Let us Pray: Lord God, as we go through this Holy week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness you have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord. Fr. Louis.

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Coffee and Chat after Mass on Wednesdays- Thanks to the soup makers and servers £126 was collected for CAFOD

The Family Fast collection for CAFOD amounted to £2193.50 (£460 of which was gift aided)

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 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 are limited – and will be allocated on a First Come First Served basis. To book please email stchadscheadle@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).

Attention all Gift Aid Donors

The tax year 2024/25 will be coming to an **end on 5th April 2025** and the Parish will then make a claim to HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) for Gift Aid refunds on all donations made in the tax year. Father Louis would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the donations you have made over the course of this tax year. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer pay income tax (or if for any other reason you do not wish to remain in the Gift Aid Scheme) please let Jane Handley, our Parish Gift Aid Organiser (Mobile Telephone Number 07925 340 252) or the Parish Office know by 5th April 2025, otherwise it will be assumed you have paid sufficient income tax for the Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on donations you have made during the tax year. In addition, it is important that we keep our Gift Aid records up-to-date and therefore if you have moved house or change your name in the past year, we would be grateful if you could let Jane, or the Parish Office know.

Gift Aid & Planned Giving Envelopes

The envelopes for the 2025/26 tax year are now available for collection in the porch. They should be used from Sunday 7th April 2025. If after this date you have any unused Green envelopes in your possession, please could you destroy them, as they should not be used in the new tax year.

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. we meet in Church (via the side door near the hall) All are welcome to join the group for this time of prayer.

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


Divine Mercy and St Michael Retreat: Friday 2nd 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 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.


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Mass Times and Intentions in our Local Missionary

Sat 12 th April	St Ann's Christ Church	5pm 6.30pm	Jim Thornbury RIP Maria Mott Recently Deceased
Sun 13 th April Palm Sunday Year C	Christ Church St Chad's Christ Church St Ann's	9am 9.15am 11am 11am	Nuala Freil, Seamus Diamond, Elizabeth Davies <i>Patrick Joseph Nolan RIP</i> Larry Dunne RIP For the Parishioners of our 3 parishes
Mon 14 th April	St Ann's	10 am	Margaret Lawton RIP
Tues 15 th April Tuesday of Holy Week	St Ann's Christ Church St Chad's	10am 10am 6.30pm	Colette Murphy RIP Angela Davies RIP Alfredo Sanedrin Jr RIP
Wed 16 th April of Holy Week	Christ Church	10am	Thomas Kane RIP
Thurs 17 th April Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Chad's Christ Church St Ann's	6.30pm 6.pm 8pm	People of the Parish Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose till 9 pm Shaw Family Deceased members Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose till 8pm Frank McDermott RIP Followed by watching till midnight
Fri 18 th April Good Friday Celebration of The Lord's Passion	St Ann's St Chads Christ Church St Ann's St Chads Christ Church	9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 3pm 3pm 3pm	Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
Sat 19 th April Holy Saturday	St Ann's Christ Church	8.30pm 8.30pm	Seamus Cronogue RIP John Henry Recently deceased
Sun 20 th April EASTER SUNDAY Year C	Christ Church St Chad's Christ Church St Ann's	9am 9.30am 11am 11am	frank McDermott RIP The Tilstone and McBride Families Souls in Purgatory For the Parishioners of our 3 parishes
CONFESSIONS	St Chad's: Tuesdays 6.00pm-6.25pm St Ann's: Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm Christ Church: Wednesdays 9.15am – 9.45am		
ADORATION	St Chad's: Tues 5.30pm St Ann's On Mon & Tues there will be Adoration before Mass from 9.30am Christ Church Tuesday 9.30am. Wednesdays at 9am -10am		
ROSARY	St Chad's: 9am every Sunday & Thursday. St Ann's: 10.30am every Sunday & 4.30pm every Sat		

there will be no Masses on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd or Wednesday 23rd April. Or on Tuesday 29th there won't be a Mass at Christ Church

Sacrament of Confession: during Lent we have many opportunities for you to partake in the Sacrament of Confession across all of our churches:

St Chad's Tuesdays 6.00pm-6.25pm Christ Church: Wednesdays 9.15am – 9.45am St Ann's: Mondays 9.30am-10am, Tuesdays 9.30am-10am, Saturdays 4.15pm-4.45pm At other times by request



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 26th April

Events and News in the Diocese and beyond

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.

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.

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: 7th 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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