

Wellspring Collection: Our monthly collection will take place next weekend (June 26th/27th). The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are as follows:- tins of ham, tins of corned beef, toilet rolls, crisps, biscuits, cereal bars, small chocolate bars (e.g. Penguins & Club biscuits), bottles of cordial, small bottles of soft drinks and water, soft fruit such as oranges, satsumas and bananas, cartons or tins of custard (liquid not powder). Thank you very much.

Cheadle Catholic Junior School: Have vacancies for a School Business Manager and a KS2 Class Teacher. Full details and application forms are available at <https://www.cheadle-jun.stockport.sch.uk/recruitment/> Closing date for both positions is Monday 21st June.

SVP: There is still a need for donations (joggers, t-shirts and sweatshirts) so we will have another collection at the beginning of June. Please no hats or garments with hoods. Please leave in the bag at the back of church. Thank you.

CAFOD: Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 hand-washing hygiene stations in communities to support hand-washing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember Mary Towe, Edith Noden, Veronica Burke, Samuel Fletcher, Anne Chaloner, Annie Doolin, Sarah Margetson, Baby: Jacob Blayds, Stella Johnston, Walter Wood, Francis Jenkins, Peter McAnerney, Ada Hawkins, Diane Ramchum, William Morrissey and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. 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.

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Sunday 20th June 2021 – 12th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week Pope Francis released a message in anticipation of the annual World Day of the Poor which is celebrated each year in November. Here are a few excerpts from it:

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor. In everything, Jesus teaches that poverty is not the result of fate, but a concrete sign pointing to his presence among us. We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live. The poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us, because they enable us to discover in new ways the true face of the Father.

Jesus not only sides with the poor; he also shares their lot. This is a powerful lesson for his disciples in every age. The poor are not people “outside” our communities, but brothers and sisters whose sufferings we should share, in an effort to alleviate their difficulties and marginalization, restore their lost dignity and ensure their necessary social inclusion. Acts of charity presuppose a giver and a receiver, whereas mutual sharing generates fraternity. Almsgiving is occasional; mutual sharing, on the other hand, is enduring. The former risks gratifying those who perform it and can prove demeaning for those who receive it; the latter strengthens solidarity and lays the necessary foundations for achieving justice. In short, believers, when they want to see Jesus in person and touch him with their hands, know where to turn. The poor are a sacrament of Christ; they represent his person and point to him.

Many are the examples of saints who made mutual sharing with the poor their life project. I think, among others, of Father Damien de Veuster, the saintly apostle to the lepers. With great generosity, he answered the call to go to the

island of Molokai, which had become a ghetto accessible only to lepers, to live and die with them. He rolled up his sleeves and did everything he could to improve the lives of those who were poor, ill and outcast. He became both doctor and nurse, heedless of the risks involved, and brought the light of love to that “colony of death”, as the island was then called. He himself contracted leprosy, which became the sign of his total sharing in the lot of the brothers and sisters for whom he had given his life. His testimony is most timely in our own days, marked by the coronavirus pandemic. The grace of God is surely at work in the hearts of all those who, without fanfare, spend themselves for the poorest, sharing with them in concrete ways. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for June: Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Money Matters: This weekend (19/20 June) we will have a second collection for Day for Life.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: There are prayer cards at the back of church for this novena which starts this weekend, leading up to the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday 27th June.

Please note that Church is monitored by CCTV Cameras 24/7 and by Live streaming Cameras during services.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 19 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	
		St Chad’s	7pm	John & Martin Foster
Sun 20 th	12 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s	9am	Brian Ashworth
		St Ann’s	11am	
Mon 21 st	St Aloysius Gonzaga	St Ann’s	10am	Joan Kelly
Tues 22 nd	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	St Ann’s	10am	Margaret Nixon
		St Chad’s	6.30pm	Mary Winterbourne RIP
Wed 23 rd		No Mass		
Thurs 24 th	The Nativity of St John the Baptist	St Chad’s	9.30am	Tony Byrne RIP & family
Fri 25 th		St Ann’s	10am	Bruce and Stella Reid
Sat 26 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	
		St Chad’s	7pm	Frances Brooks RIP
Sun 27 th	13 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s	9am	PJ & Ann Duffy & family in thanksgiving.
		St Ann’s	11am	Edward & Vincent English

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are now into November with Mass intentions.

Confessions: Available on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses.