

Hymn Numbers: 417, 313, 504. The Communion Hymn will be sung by the choir, if you do find yourself joining in, please do not sing whilst you are in the Communion line.

Gloria: Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo

1) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

2) Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3) For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember: Patricia Peers, Gertrude Barnes, Peter Barker, Mary Collins, Laura Knowles, Nora Wickens, Agnes Ryan, George Finlay, William Dunne, Alice Booth, Thomas Moran, Joan Smith, Mary Cosgrave, Esther Cartledge, Elizabeth Fogarty and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Praying the Rosary: As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, we will pray the Rosary together, starting half an hour before each of the weekend Masses, commencing Saturday 2nd and 3rd October.

Thursday Coffee Morning: starts again this week (30th September) and will be in aid of CAFOD.

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 the New Year with Mass Intentions. If you would like your Mass to be said sooner, we can arrange for it to be said at St Ann's – simply write 'St Ann's' on your envelope. Thank you.

SVP Walk – Any outstanding sponsorship money will be collected after Masses next weekend (2nd/3rd Oct). Thank you.

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 26th September 2021 – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Since we have returned to the use of hymn books, and no longer need the space for hymns in the newsletter, I have room once again to write a few words. I spoke about living the virtuous life two weeks ago, and I thought it might be helpful to use this space to remind ourselves of the seven chief Christian virtues. We will do that over the next few weeks, beginning with the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, followed by the theological virtues: faith, hope, and love. The last mentioned is really the most important of all the virtues, since love is the crown of the virtuous life. All of the other virtues are there to make the soul strong enough, free enough, and selfless enough to live a consistently generous life of love.

Today we will look at the virtue of prudence. It is not to be confused with the false understanding of this virtue which we at times encounter in the world. When people counsel others to be prudent, they sometimes mean that they should be calculating, cunning, or even cowardly. There are indeed times when prudence demands caution and a careful weighing up of the potential outcomes of a given course of action. The prudent person always looks where they are going and foresees by wisdom what may lie ahead if a certain choice is made. However, the Christian understanding of the virtue denotes the capacity to habitually make the right choice and not just to play it safe at all times. This may involve deciding to make a stand, regardless of potential negative consequences. Integrity is more important than a form of "security" which would really be a cowardly moral capitulation.

Prudence is wisdom in action and it involves being able to discern what is the morally good thing to do in a given situation. Sometimes this can be tricky, demanding prolonged deliberation before action. It also involves following the subtle promptings of conscience, so as to be able to live in such a way that we won't be burdened with guilt and regrets in the future. Prudence is defined by the Catechism as follows: "*Prudence is "right reason in action," writes St. Thomas Aquinas, following Aristotle. With the help of this virtue, we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid.*" The best book I have ever read on the subject is called *The Four Cardinal Virtues* by the German philosopher Josef Pieper. He takes up an ancient image of prudence as the "charioteer" of the virtuous life. It is in command and steers our life forward along the right track. Prudence decides when to mobilise the other virtues and how to regulate them. The charioteer is perhaps a good

image because it is not a timid image. Prudence is not timidity or excessive caution, but pressing forward with the practical wisdom which enables you to make the right choices which will lead to moral greatness in this life and beatitude in the life to come.

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Wellspring Collection: our monthly collection is this weekend (25/26 September). They are in particular need of: tinned ham, tinned custard, multipack bags of crisps, cakes and multipack chocolate bars.

Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 9am-9pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. You are welcome to come along at any time during the day, even if the slot you would like is full. Please let us know as soon as you can (either by phone/email) if you can't make it. Thank you.

Xaverian Catholic Sixth Form: will be having two Open Days for students and their families on Saturday 9th October and Sunday 17th October, with times confirmed on the website. The days are an opportunity to visit the Xaverian campus and discuss courses, admissions and other matters with subject teachers and senior staff. Feel free to come along, or for further details contact Xaverian on 0161 249 2145 or email admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

Book Club: Will meet on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm to discuss 'I believe in love: A personal retreat based on the teachings of St Therese of Lisieux' by Fr Jean C.J. D'Elbee.

Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: 11th Oct 2021. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

Money Matters: The collection for the SVP raised £185, with a further £30 raised from gift aid. Thank you very much.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 25 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	For patients on C3 – Helen Patrician & Margaret In thanksgiving for healing of Emmanuel Jimenez
Sun 26 th	26 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	People of the Parish For the parishioners
Mon 27 th	St Vincent De Paul	St Ann's	10am	Fr Chris Jenkins RIP
Tues 28 th		St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Kevin Ashburn RIP & the Dunn Family Charles Whittle RIP
Wed 29 th	Ss Micheal, Gabriel & Raphael	No Mass		
Thurs 30 th	St Jerome	St Chad's	9.30am	Margorie Drummond RIP
Fri 1 st	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	St Ann's	10am	The O'Gorman family
Sat 2 nd		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	People of the Parish Christina Maguire RIP
Sun 3 rd	27 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	Lindsay Forsyth RIP Roland & Gwen Burke RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Tuesday and Sunday Masses and from 9am-9pm on Thursday.

Confessions: Available 5.30pm – 6.15pm on Tuesday evenings in the sacristy. Available at other times on request by phoning the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Foundation Governors: Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors who are practising Catholics, appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law. If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org.