

Hymn Numbers: 302, 450, 502. *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: Joseph Scott, Agnes Walker, Mary Lynch, Lilian Kelly, Ellen Dolan, Linda Broadbent, Joseph Scott, Margaret Mephram, Kathleen Nolan, Janina Kalbarczyk, John Doyle, Michael Lea, Chris Egan, Ada Walsh, Frances Smith, Edward Bull, Charles West, Edith Lockett, David Score, Winifred Drinkwater, Paddy Cahill and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Money Matters: In September we received £880.00 in the collection and £1807.70 in standing orders. We also collected £58.04 for the Home Missions Collection. Thank you.

SVP Walk For Children's Holiday: The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) would like to thank very sincerely everyone who sponsored the six walkers from St. Chad's. The total raised was a magnificent £654.12 and the Gift Aid scheme will add on a further £60.63.

Filming: The BBC are doing some location filming at Bullock's Coaches on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th October. We will still be able to access our car-park, but parking in front of church may be limited.

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 10th October 2021 – 28th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week we look at the third of our cardinal virtues: the virtue of fortitude, aka courage. The word virtue itself is synonymous with power or strength in Latin. Virtue is the habitual possession of power in the will which enables it to override instincts and feelings when necessary, and always to choose what is right. It is easy to consent to temptations, but it requires inner strength to resist. Fortitude is that particular strength of will which enables you to overcome feelings of fear and other obstacles encountered on the path of life. The more intense the feeling of fear which you manage to overcome when making a courageous choice, the more you can be said to be displaying that virtue. (This is why some very fearful souls may actually be heroic in fortitude in the eyes of God. They have more inner resistance to overcome, thus their will must fight hard to choose things which others can choose without a struggle.) The feeling of fear is neutral, and fear is actually a healthy reaction when there are real grounds for fear. It is cowardice which is not neutral. Cowardice is when we allow fear to overcome us, causing us to act unworthily. Rick Rescorla (google him!), the security officer from Cornwall, who saved 2700 lives during the 9/11 attacks, must have felt fear during that moment, but he so rose above it that he even sang Cornish folk songs to calm everybody down during the long evacuation down the many flights of stairs.

Virtue always steers the middle course between two extremes. Cowardice is one extreme which leads away from fortitude, but the opposite extreme is foolhardiness. Some people - who indeed possess a certain strength of will - at times put themselves unnecessarily into harm's way. It is no display of virtue to put your head into the mouth of a lion, even if you overcame great feelings of fear in order to do so. The truly courageous person allows their manner of dealing with fearful situations to be regulated by prudence. There are times when prudence dictates that with great fortitude we must confront a grave danger - even a mortal danger. It was fortitude that permitted the British people to have no truck with Nazi appeals to enter into a pact with them in 1940, even though they knew at the time that this would have potentially devastating consequences. Prudence (right reason in action) had discerned that not only would such a pact be inevitably subject to some form of treachery in the future, but also that to enter into such a pact with evildoers would be immoral in any case. The subsequent strength of will required to face the storm unleashed by that decision was a prolonged collective exercise of the virtue of fortitude.

It is the habitual and constant disposition of fortitude which earns one the right to be called a courageous person. A mere random flash of courage is not enough. There are no “one-hit wonders” in the practice of virtue. The disposition must become a stable orientation. This does not necessarily mean facing grave dangers all the time. For many people, it requires fortitude just to get out of bed and tackle the day ahead without shirking one’s responsibilities. Patience, endurance, intrepidity, perseverance to the end, are all flowers which grow within the garden of the virtue of fortitude.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

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. Please let us know as soon as you can if you can’t make it. Thank you.

Xaverian Catholic Sixth Form: will be having an Open Day for students and their families on Sunday 17th October, with times confirmed on the website. The day is 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

November List: During November we remember all those who have died and especially those who have died in the past year. If you would like someone to be remembered at this time, please write the name(s) clearly and place in the ‘November List’ box at the back of Church. All those on the list will also be remembered at a monthly Mass throughout the year.

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.

300 CLUB: October is with us and this is the time we renew memberships for the 300 Club. Members should have received a renewal letter. Please forward your renewal to either Chris Hall or Fr Sean. If anyone would like to join the 300 Club please contact Chris Hall on 07966 283203. All monies raised go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the church hall. Membership is £12 per year for each number you have. Thank you for your continued support.

Knit and Knatter: Starts again this Wednesday, 13th October at 1.00pm in the hall. All knitter and natterers welcome. We will reveal our Christmas project!

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 9 th	St John Henry Newman	St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 7pm	Kevin McFarlane’s Intentions People of the Parish
Sun 10 th	28 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9am 11am	Angelita F. Malonzo RIP Owen Kavanagh
Mon 11 th	St John, XXIII	St Ann’s	10am	Frank Murphy RIP
Tues 12 th	St Wilfred	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Private Intention (IWD) Alfredo Sanedrin Sr RIP
Wed 13 th	St Edward the Confessor	No Mass		
Thurs 14 th	St Callistus	St Chad’s	9.30am	Alfredo Sanedrin Jr RIP
Fri 15 th	St Teresa of Jesus	St Ann’s	10am	Deceased members of the Maher Family
Sat 16 th		St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 7pm	People of the Parish Esme & Eric Gosse RIP
Sun 17 th	29 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9am 11am	Patrick Burns RIP Isabella Ortiz RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Tuesday Mass 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.

Praying the Rosary: During October, we will pray the Rosary together, starting 25 minutes before each of the weekend Masses.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Last week raised £33.00 for Parish Funds. This Thursday (14th October) will be in aid of The Little Sisters of the Poor.

Children’s Liturgy: Thank you to those who have volunteered. We are hoping to restart the children’s liturgy soon. If you you are interested in helping to run this, please get in touch.