

**Hymn Numbers:** 481, 25, 705, 304 *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.

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**Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We remember: Helen Dawson, Winifred Heald, Rita Jennings, John Raval, Kathleen Goodyer, Elizabeth Ralphs, Lilian Philpott, Sarah Walker, John Donlan, James Grindrod, Eileen Higgins, Denise Nortier, Kenneth Charnock, Joseph Bell, Anne Draycott, William Smith, John O'Brien, Thomas McGahey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**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.

**Piety Stall:** There are now Christmas cards available on the piety stall in the Hall foyer, along with cards for other occasions and rosary beads. All items are priced and there is a box on the wall for your money.

**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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**Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson**



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our fourth and final cardinal virtue is temperance, from the Latin verb *temperare* meaning to control or regulate. If fortitude controls our reaction to fear, temperance controls our attraction to pleasure, making sure it remains under the control of reason. When I was in France, I often heard people say, “*C’est plus fort que moi*” (It’s stronger than me) to describe their failure to resist temptations. It denoted resignation to being weak-willed, but the virtuous person is not dragged around by passions run amok.

The discussion of temperance has traditionally been concerned especially with food, drink, and sexuality. Activities essential for survival have strong pleasures attached to them in order to ensure their accomplishment. This holds true for eating and drinking. The desire for food and drink can, however, tend toward excess, causing us to actually damage our health rather than sustain it. Because sexual union is the means by which human life is perpetuated in the world, the pleasure associated with it and the corresponding desire for it are especially intense. This desire can also get out of control and even become destructive to body and soul. A major issue which adds to the sexual distortion in the minds of many today is the effect of using the internet for immoral purposes. The spread of indecent imagery has left many poor souls enslaved to lust. Once the imagination has been poisoned at length in this manner, it is a hard battle to return to self-control because we are creatures of habit. Thankfully, by God’s grace it is possible to recover inner freedom. The website [covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com) is there to help.

The Christian teaching has always been that sexual activity outside the holy covenant of marriage is sinful because it is the “body language” designed by God to express total self-giving to one other person. This gift of self through the union of love is meant to be irrevocable, mirrored by the fact that the two become one flesh only after vowing to be joined forever. A stable lifelong marriage is also the optimal situation for welcoming new life and so it is the proper place for sexual intimacy. Although people have always struggled to live this teaching, the

rationality of it was at least understood in days gone by. However, since the spread of the contraceptive pill in the 1960's the connection between marriage, sexuality, and procreation, began to grow weaker in many people's minds. By means of artificial birth control (and with legalised abortion as a back-up measure) humanity had found a way of ignoring the constraints inherent in the natural laws of sexuality. The change in mentality led to a revolution in morality whose effects will be felt for generations to come. Before long, even some baptised souls would come to accept meaningless promiscuity as something normal. This was hailed as a great triumph by radical atheists like Christopher Hitchens who were shrewd enough to foresee that wherever Christian morality dies, faith will soon disappear too. However, the believer still seeks to discern the original meaning and purpose written into the beautiful gift of sexuality by the Creator (a study known as teleology). Reason enlightened by faith can interpret the divine secrets inscribed into our very biology as embodied spirits. We often call this the Theology of the Body. Chastity means simply to live our sexuality in harmony with the plan of God. It is one of the essential elements of the overall self-mastery that is temperance.

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.

**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.

**Refreshments:** will be served in the hall after the 9am Sunday Mass. All welcome.

### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	People of the Parish Esme & Eric Gosse RIP
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	Patrick Burns RIP Isabella Ortiz RIP
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke	St Ann's	10am	Private Intention (CRL)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter of Alcantara	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Special Intention (BD) Josephine Murray RIP
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass		
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>		St Chad's	9.30am	Sheilagh Tynan RIP
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>		St Ann's	10am	Martin McDermott RIP
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Antony Morrissey RIP People of the Parish
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	Pat & Kay Maloney Dr Tony Clift 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 £50.00p for The Little Sisters of the Poor. This Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> October) will be in aid of Ecuador.

**Book Club:** The next book is God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew and we will meet on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm to discuss. It is available to buy on Amazon, but it also seems to be possible to order a free copy here: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/products/product/gods-smuggler>