

Hymn Numbers: 41, 313, 71.

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: Eileen Mutch, Jim Tynan, Monica McKeever, Lilian Mather, Vladimir Machacek, Winifred Lloyd, John Smith, Ann Fitzgerald, Laura Owen, Patrick Reilly, Evelyn Donnelly, Elizabeth Grzelak, Lilian Niebel, Mary Langshaw, Susan Cooper, John Doherty, Ernest Hilton, J.A.Kelly, Joan Maddocks, Eric Gordon, Elsie Chilton, Ethel Jones, Emma Dell all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Money Matters: We collected £226 for CAFOD Fast Day. Thank you very much. This weekend we have a second collection for World Mission.

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 (Holy Communion / Confirmation), books of children's bible stories 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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Sunday 24th October 2021 – 30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

After having studied the cardinal virtues, we now turn to the theological virtues: faith, hope, and love. Theological is from the Greek word for God, *theos*. These three virtues put us into contact with the living God. The cardinal virtues are common to all humanity - even though we ask the Holy Spirit to assist us in living them more perfectly - but the theological virtues are the fruit of God's grace. They are normally given to us in seed-form in the moment of Baptism, but we must freely cooperate with them throughout life in order for them to grow. There are sadly some, who though baptised, are never properly formed in discipleship - or who freely choose somewhere along the way to reject the faith - and in whom these three glorious virtues are not permitted to blossom into a life of holiness. The faith to which we cling in this life is destined to turn into the clear vision of the Lord when we get to heaven. The flower of that vision is already contained within the seed of faith implanted into us by the Holy Spirit.

Faith is not mere belief in God. It is possible by rational reflection to come to the firm conclusion that there is a Creator. People of this opinion can be said to have faith in some sense, but this is not the theological virtue of faith. Theological faith is given to us by the Spirit and by means of it we have access to the inner life of God. It is not that we have mystical understanding about God when we are children just because we are baptised (although some saints seem to have had this privilege) but rather that when we hear the Christian faith proclaimed we have a profound inner conviction of the heart which says: this is true! I once explained certain truths of our faith to my little niece when she was still very young and I will always remember how moved she was by what she heard. It resonated deeply in her innocent baptised soul. I can also recall having a great thirst to hear about Jesus when I was young. The sheep who belong to Christ by Baptism are predisposed to recognise the Good Shepherd's voice. "The gift of faith remains in one who has not sinned against it." (Catechism no.1815)

In the Bible, the Greek word used for faith is synonymous with the word for trust. Faith gets put into action through trust in God's presence and providence in the here and now. Filled with this trust, we can do great things for the Lord. The cloistered nun from Alabama, Mother Angelica, who somehow managed to establish a Catholic television network (EWTN) which now has tens of millions of viewers around the world had her own definition of faith. After all the risks she had to take to get it up and running - against the advice of those who actually knew something about television - she humorously described faith as: "one foot on the ground, one foot in the air, and a queasy feeling in the stomach."

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

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

Knit & Knatter: Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and so will meet again this Wednesday 27th October 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All knitters and natterers welcome.

Christmas Raffle: Although we are unable to hold a Christmas fair this year, we will be running the raffle to raise money for Church funds. During November, there will be sheets at the back of church to sign up if you are able to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at the end of November and the raffle will be drawn on Sunday 19th December after the 9am Mass.

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 £45 for Ecuador. This Thursday (28th October) will be in aid of Wellspring.

SVP – All parishioners are invited by the SVP in Stockport and Hyde, to a special Memorial Mass, to remember all those who died in the time of pandemic (whether or not death was the result of covid). It will be held at Our Lady's on Thursday 25th November at 7pm.

Pause for Hope is a prayer initiative for dealing with cancer and on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3pm they will be holding a Chester Pause for Hope Service at St Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester.

Wellspring: As next weekend (30/31 October) is the last weekend of the month, we will have our monthly collection for Wellspring. The items they are in particular need of this month are: cheddar cheese, milk, butter and multipacks of chocolate biscuits. Thank you.

Email Address: If you have anything that you would like to discuss with Fr Sean in confidence you can email him: frseandavidson@gmail.com. If you need to speak with him urgently it is always best to phone the presbytery and leave a message, or send an email to main email address with a simple message asking for Fr Sean to contact you.

Job Vacancy: Cheadle Catholic Junior School are recruiting for a KS 2 Class Teacher. Full details and application form available at: <https://www.cheadle-jun.stockport.sch.uk/recruitment/>

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 23 rd		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Antony Morrissey RIP Parishioners of St Chad & St Ann
Sun 24 th	30 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	Pat & Kay Maloney Dr Tony Clift RIP
Mon 25 th		St Ann's	10am	Hoi Sang & his family
Tues 26 th	Ss Chad & Cedd	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Kieran & Maxine McDermott Sheilagh Tynan RIP
Wed 27 th		No Mass		
Thurs 28 th	Ss Simon & Jude	St Chad's	9.30am	Mira De Souza
Fri 29 th		St Ann's	10am	Jimmy O'Shea RIP
Sat 30 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Frank Sullivan Maureen & Vivian
Sun 31 st	All Saints	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	The Nolan Family RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's

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.

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.

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.