

Hymn Numbers: 80, 630, 169

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: Josie Jones, Clare Healy, Richard Airey, Molly Frost, Minnie Johnson Ernest Moore, Agnes Gordon, Thomas Bennett, Thomas Ward, Mary Tracey, Marian Hughes, Margaret Barrans, Claire Tallents, Gerry Barker, Marie Kelly, Mary Houlihan all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Cheadle' Remembrance Day: The Community Parade and Service at the Cenotaph will go ahead this year. The parade will leave Massie Street Car Park at 10.45am with the service at the Cenotaph on Cheadle Green commencing 10.55am. All welcome.

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 31st October 2021 – The Feast of All Saints



Dear brother and sisters in Christ,

The second theological virtue is the virtue of hope. Theological hope is not hope in the general sense in which that word is often used, but hope as regards our relationship with God. It is confidence in His goodness and love for us. We hope in His constant merciful care for us in this world, but the ultimate object of hope is the joy of eternity. (Catechism 1817) Every human heart longs for perfect happiness, and to hope is to trust that God has not put this desire into us in vain. Hope is thus necessarily oriented towards the eternal life which lies beyond this vale of tears. Some people are naturally optimistic, while some are naturally pessimistic, but Christian hope is a supernatural virtue given to us by the Holy Spirit. By means of it, we trust not in our own natural powers, nor in any created reality, to give us complete lasting happiness – for this is impossible – but in the power of God who desires to give it to us. If we attempt to cling to anything less than God as the object of our absolute hope for happiness, it will one day crumble to dust in our hands, causing us great sorrow. “The life of man is the vision of God.” (St Irenaeus) Julian of Norwich summed up the attitude of a person of hope with these words: “All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”

Hope steers the middle course between two extremes: despair and presumption. Despair is the refusal to trust that God desires to give me eternal happiness. I have at times encountered souls who refuse to believe that it would be possible for them to ever go to heaven, presumably because of the gravity of their sins. This is the saddest of all dispositions because it is so unnecessary. God is always willing to forgive one who repents. Confession restores and renews us. While despair was more common in previous moments of Church history, the opposite sin of presumption is far more common today. The pendulum has swung from one extreme to the other. The presumptuous soul refuses to amend their life, often clinging to a false understanding of the mercy of God which is foreign to the pages of the Bible. With a shrug of the shoulders, the presumptuous person tramples underfoot the suffering Christ endured for our sins. (Hebrews 10:29) Even though God is infinitely merciful, the Bible makes clear that there will be judgment and that sin will have eternal repercussions for the unrepentant. The authentic reception of divine mercy has a purifying effect, bringing a desire to change one's life. Hope walks the narrow path between the two precipices of despair and presumption, trusting that God is indeed always ready to forgive, but we must still do all we can to obey Him. “We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love Him and do His will.” (Catechism 1821)

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

Mass Times & Intentions

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
Mon 1 st		St Ann's	10am	Kathleen Irvine RIP
Tues 2 nd	Commemoration of all the Faithful Souls	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Delia Doyle RIP Sheilagh Tynan RIP
Wed 3 rd	St Winefride	No Mass		
Thurs 4 th	St Charles Borromeo	St Chad's	9.30am	The Burns Family RIP
Fri 5 th		St Ann's	10am	Brenda Crispe
Sat 6 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Doris La Mattina RIP Sr Sheila McCourt RIP
Sun 7 th	32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	For the parishioners of St Chad and St Ann. Luct Miles RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Sunday and Tuesday 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.

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.

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

Ladies Group: Although the Ladies Group will not be meeting in the hall until the new year, we are gathering for a meal at the Red Lion on Wednesday 17th November, 7pm. All are welcome. For more details or to book your place please contact Trish Whalley on 07821321681.

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. The sheets are now 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.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Last week raised £57 for Wellspring. This Thursday (4th November) will be in aid of Parish Funds.

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: This weekend (30/31 October) we 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.

Discovering Plainchant: A workshop for singers. Saturday 20th November 10.30am – 4.00pm at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. This is the first of several workshops devoted to the repertoire of Catholic liturgical music organised by the St. Philip Neri Singers. In this session you will be introduced to chant repertoire, taught how to read the chant notation, and learn to sing pieces, concentrating on music for Eucharistic Adoration and for Our Blessed Lady. For more information, please contact the choir director: Dr Rosemarie Darby by email: stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone: 07798858900. *Please note that numbers will be limited to enable appropriate social distancing.*

Mayor of Stockport Prayer breakfast: will take place in the Ball Room in the Town Hall on Wed 17th November. Breakfast served from 7.30am: Programme starts at 8.00am, until 9.00am. The Mayor encourages guests from the wider Stockport community to attend this free event. The speakers are the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham and the new Bishop of Stockport. Please book using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--stockport--715/stockport-prayer/>
Book Club: will be 7pm on Thursday 11th November in the Hall to discuss God's Smuggler.