

Hymn Numbers: 140 (verses 1 & 5), 25, 249 (verses 1 & 3)
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: James Walsh, Juliana Parry, Pat Hutchinson, Norah Bailey, Hugh Gilronan, Baby Ethan Chidgey, Edith Ward, Pauline Barker, Mike Fletcher, Elizabeth Ward, John Jeffers, Gerald Buckley, Arthur Langshaw, Lilian Crewdson, Peter Rennison, William Maher, Emma Pimm, Philomena Thomas, Paul Eckersley, Madge Eastman, Margaret Rogers, Harriet Turner, Arnold Chaisty, Ros Accardo those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

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.

Knit and Knatter: this Wednesday, 24th November, 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All knitters and knatters welcome. From next weekend the knitters will be selling knitted Christmas Decorations for £1 and knitted chocolate orange covers (including chocolate orange) for £2.50. Cash only. Raising funds for The Little Sisters of the Poor.

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. Tickets will be on sale after Masses on 27/28 Nov, 4/5 and 18/19 December. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 19th December after the 9am Mass.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Last week raised £47.80 for Help for Heroes. This Thursday (18th November) will be in aid of the SVP.

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.

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 21st November 2021 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy feast of Christ the King! May He always reign in our hearts and in our families. Recently, some interesting research was done by Pillar Catholic (pillarcatholic.com) in the US, revealing the trends of religious practice among Catholics in recent decades. It is no surprise that ever since the 1960's, each new generation of children has been less religious than their parents. However, there are some good spiritual habits that can help families to counter the effects of a culture which leads young people away from God. I share with you some of the findings of this study because they may permit you to help your children to remain Catholic, and so remain forever under the protection and reign of Christ the King:

The frequency with which children are taken to Mass plays a key role in determining future practice. 38% of Catholic adults who were taken to Mass every Sunday as children continue going to Mass as adults. Among Catholic adults who went to Mass often as children, but not every Sunday, only 12% go to Mass as adults. There are some seemingly small family practices which proved to show significant differences in the habits of adults raised Catholic. Catholics who recall saying grace before meals as children are 34% more likely to go to Mass weekly than other Catholic adults. It would be a mistake to attribute that entire difference to the frequency with which people said grace before meals. It is instead likely that family prayer is a marker for a way of life in which faith is practiced in a more everyday fashion.

The main reasons that people give for no longer going to Mass are quite surprising and indicate that their attachment to Christ and His Church was very weak to begin with. This in turn indicates poor catechetical formation. Most have not really thought it through, but have simply stopped going to Mass when their routine was broken. The most common reason, cited by 20% of people raised Catholic who stopped attending Mass for a year or more, was: "I moved away from the church I had been attending." The second-most common response is more theological: "I did not feel that attending church mattered." The next two most frequent reasons for ceasing to attend Mass for a time are also practical: "I moved away from my family" or "I had a change in circumstances that made it harder to attend."

There are five practices which seem to be extremely helpful. In families in which all five of them are practiced monthly, 82% of children continue to identify themselves as

Catholic and 58% of them continue to go to Mass every Sunday as adults. The five practices are:

- reading the Bible.
- volunteering (soup kitchen, prison ministry, church work, etc.).
- praying the Rosary.
- going to Confession.
- Eucharistic Adoration.

Let's make good use of these five spiritual weapons in the battle for the souls of our loved ones. **May God bless you all. Fr Sean**

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.

Money Matters: Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Caritas Christmas Appeal.

Wellspring – as next weekend (November 27th/28th) is the final weekend of the month, there will be the monthly Wellspring collection. The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are milk, eggs, cheese, bread and tinned meats. Wellspring are also collecting for their Rucksack Project and are in need of rucksacks, sleeping bags, roll mat, torches, flasks, hats, gloves, wet wipes, boxers and socks. If you are able to donate any of these items please also bring next weekend. Thank you.

Synod Questionnaire: Deadline to complete the questionnaire is Monday 22nd November. If you haven't completed it and would like to do so, please do so by this date. If you haven't received an email with the link, please email us and we will send it to you. If you are unable to complete online, please see Victoria or Fr Sean after Saturday or Sunday Mass and pick up a hard copy. You are also able to send any feedback directly to the Diocese by emailing: synod@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Win Morrissey RIP: There is a memorial Mass for Win at St Ann's on the 27th November at 12 noon and afterwards at the Conservative Club on Mellor road near Cheadle Hulme station. The family would love to hear your stories and memories of Win.

Red Missio Boxes: Those people who still use the red boxes, if possible can you hand them in for collection before the end of November? This will enable me to bank the takings in early December. You still have the option to Pay your money directly by standing order. Forms are available from myself or at back of church. If you are now paying by standing order and previously had a red box please let me know so that I can update my records. Many thanks for your donations. Steve Whalley 07957 809968.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 20 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Kathleen Martin RIP Sheilagh Tynan RIP
Sun 21 st	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	For the parishioners of St Chad and St Ann Hoi Sang RIP
Mon 22 nd	St Cecilia	St Ann's	10am	Louise Milner RIP
Tues 23 rd		St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Geraldine Page & Family Ellen O'Shea RIP
Wed 24 th	St Andrew Dung- Lac and Companions	No Mass		
Thurs 25 th	St Catherine of Alexandria	St Chad's	9.30am	Bill Sellers RIP
Fri 26 th		St Ann's	10am	Martin Losse RIP
Sat 27 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 7pm	Bernard Brooks RIP Doreen Thomas RIP
Sun 28 th	1 st Sunday Advent Year C	St Chad's St Ann's	9am 11am	Evelyn Burns For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's

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.

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 well into the New Year with Mass Intentions. Thank you.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality: Mass to Celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage on 12th December at 3pm at St Vincent's Knutsford, WA16 6HR celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please note there will be Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Meeting before the Mass, at 1..30pm, with the option to attend in-person or via Zoom. Please note for this meeting Zoom will be audio only. If you could please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.