

**Hymn Numbers:** 56, 707, 217

**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: Mary Moore, Patrick Kelly, Alice Ward, Joan Clancy, Stanley Shaw, Anne McHale, Mary Aspinall, Tony Gilligan, Winifred Donlan, All who died in War, Eva Counter, Bernard Rutledge, Michael Coll, Wilfred Donlan, James Brown, Jean Jones, Edna Bailey, Helen Fitzpatrick, Laurence Knowles, Eileen McKenna, Margaret Russall those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

**Cheadle' Remembrance Day:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

**Book Club:** will meet at 7pm this Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> November) in the Hall to discuss God's Smuggler.

**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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**The Catholic Parish of St Chad, Cheadle**

**Priest: Fr. Sean Davidson**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week we conclude our meditations on the virtues. The third and final theological virtue is the virtue of love or supernatural charity. We call it supernatural because it refers to the love that is put into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. There are many different forms of love in the world (love of family, romantic love, friendship, love of animals, love of country, love of chocolate etc...) but theological love is love for God and love of neighbour for God's sake. It is the work of the Holy Spirit within us and allows us to transcend our natural capacities for love. The Catechism describes it: "Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbour as ourselves for the love of God." (CCC 1822) Loving God for His own sake means not just praying because we need help, or trying to avoid sin just because of its negative consequences in this life and the next, but genuinely trying to please God because He deserves to be loved. I always found the act of contrition in French to be very beautiful, as it asks for forgiveness from God because He is "infinitely loveable" and so worthy of our love. "The practice of the moral life animated by charity gives to the Christian the spiritual freedom of the children of God. He no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son responding to the love of Him who first loved us." (CCC 1828)

The theological virtue of love is always exercised in relation to God, and thus it entails not only concern for the material well-being of others but also concern for their spiritual well-being. It is because Christian love is directed not only towards temporal happiness but also towards eternal happiness that it is often misunderstood by the world. We are concerned for the eternal salvation of people's souls, and so at times we have to warn them that taking a certain path puts their salvation in danger. From the purely worldly perspective this can appear as judgmentalism, but it is not. Rather it is true charity, seeking true and lasting happiness for the person in question. At times, we have to risk offending a person in order to truly help him. It is not charitable to wave and smile at a person who is about to walk into some grave danger, when we could have done something to warn him about it. The same is true in the spiritual order. The fruits of living an authentically charitable life under the influence of the Holy Spirit are joy and peace. (CCC 1829) There is nobody more joyful or peaceful than a saint who has lived for love alone. If ever we find we are lacking joy and peace, then a renewed effort to reach out and help God's children may be just the spiritual remedy we need.

**May God bless you all. Fr Sean**

### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	5pm <b>7pm</b>	Doris La Mattina RIP <b>Sr Sheila McCourt RIP</b>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9am</b> 11am	<b>For the parishioners of St Chad and St Ann.</b> Lucy Miles RIP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann's	10am	Pat Freebody RIP
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	10am <b>6.30pm</b>	Joseph & Margaret Cunningham <b>Henry McDaid</b>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Leo the Great	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin of Tours	<b>St Chad's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>May Clement</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Josaphat	St Ann's	10am	Special Intention (AC)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann's <b>St Chad's</b>	5pm <b>7pm</b>	For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad <b>Sr Sheila McCourt RIP</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday /33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad's</b> St Ann's	<b>9am</b> 11am	<b>Mary Kate O'Neill RIP</b> November List 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.

**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. 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.

**Knit and Knatter:** Will meet this Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All welcome to knit or just to come along and natter!

**Refreshments:** will be served in the hall after the 9am Sunday Mass. All welcome. We are in need of people to be on the rota to help with this, so if you are able to help, please get in touch.

**Children's Liturgy:** will restart on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November and will then continue weekly in term time only. Please get in touch if you would be willing to help us run this group.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Masses on 27/28 Nov, 4/5 and 18/19 December. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December after the 9am Mass.

**Thursday Coffee Morning:** Last week raised £47 for Parish Funds. This Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> November) will be in aid of CAFOD.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**Discovering Plainchant: A workshop for singers.** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am – 4.00pm at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. 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](mailto:stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk) or by telephone: 07798858900. *Please note that numbers will be limited to enable appropriate social distancing.*

**Money Matters:** Next week we will hold a second collection for the Clergy Training and Education Fund. Advance notice that on the weekend of 27/28 November we will hold the annual collection for the Caritas Christmas Appeal. Thank you.

**Synod Questionnaire:** You are now able to complete the questionnaire online. 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 after Saturday or Sunday Mass and pick up a hard copy. The deadline for completing the questionnaires is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you.