

Hymn Numbers: 71 (verses 1 & 2), 707, 304 (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 pray for Brian De Vince and all those who have died recently. We remember: Irene Heslop, Margaret Cronin, William Barton, John Lavin, Leonard Smith, Anne O'Shea, Doris Williams, William McDonald, Brenda Horrocks, Joe McGinn, Margaret Duggan, George Bingham, Christopher Monaghan, Gerda Turner, Philomena Jenkinson, May Russell, Helen Veadon, Fr. Peter Pears, Adelaide Gilman, Patrick Furey, Robert Copeland, Mary Hallam, Joan Warburton, Mary Lockett those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Cards: The SVP Prisons group were very grateful for for all the cards we collected last year. The from St Chad's were refashioned in 7 schools and will be taken to the Chaplains at HMP Berwyn (Wrexham) which houses 1800 men so that they have something to give to their families. We are collecting cards once again so please bring your cards and place in the box at the back of Church. Thank you.

St Ann's Hospice - Will Month: Make your Will for free this March. Local Solicitors will be waiving their fees when you donate to St Ann's Hospice. There is a poster which details at the back of Church. Contact 0161 4983631 or visit www.sah.org.uk/willmonth for more details.

Thursday Coffee Morning: Last week we raised £45.00 for SANDS. Join us again this week after the Thursday morning Mass.

Christian Unity Week (18-25 January). To mark the above, a service will be held at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 23rd January at 5pm. All welcome to attend.

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 16th January 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's gospel recounts the first sign worked by Jesus: the transformation of water into wine during the wedding feast at Cana. The Church sees in this "*the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.*" (*Catechism no.1613*) The noble natural institution of marriage was further ennobled by Christ, thereby becoming a sacramental source of grace and holiness. Cana is also a Eucharistic sign. The sacrament of marriage is inextricably connected to the sacrament of the Eucharist in which Christ the Bridegroom gives Himself to His Bride, the Church.

A Christian husband and wife are a visible icon of this reality, reminding us of the unbreakable bond of love that exists between Christ and His Church, a love which is renewed at each Mass. In connection with this mystery, all Catholics are required to have their spousal unions sanctified by God before the altar. To live with somebody outside the sacrament of marriage is to keep the relationship outside the sphere of blessings and protection which come from sacramental grace. This gives rise to one of the more difficult teachings of the Church, namely, that it is not possible to receive Holy Communion if one is living in a situation of this kind. There are three reasons for this: the first is that we must all be in a state of grace to receive the Eucharist. The second has to do with the special connection that exists between marriage and Holy Communion. The third has to do with the confusion about the sacrament of marriage which might be generated in the minds of Catholics, especially the young, were the Church to change her discipline. People learn more from the example of others than from their words. I understand that this can seem a hard teaching - and most of us have family members affected by it - but to receive Holy Communion while not living in harmony with the Gospel has a detrimental effect upon our spiritual lives.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics living in a relationship of this kind to speak to their priests in private in order to discern the Will of the Lord. In my experience, it is almost always possible to find some solution. Couples may end up temporarily abstaining from Holy Communion, until they are able to regularise their situation before the Lord, but I believe that they receive many blessings for this humble attitude because it is in itself an act of faith and respect for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. "*In considering a pastoral approach towards people who have contracted a civil marriage, who are divorced and remarried, or simply living together, the Church has the responsibility of*

*helping them understand the divine pedagogy of grace in their lives and offering them assistance so they can reach the fullness of God's plan for them." (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no.297)*

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Money Matters: This weekend we will have our annual collection for the Priests' Retirement fund.

Confirmation 2022: Our new Confirmation programme will begin in February. This will be open to anyone in Year 9 (and above) who has not yet been confirmed. Those who missed Confirmation for whatever reason are particularly welcome. If you would like to register for the new programme, please email the parish to let us know. The sessions will be on Friday evenings, from 7 – 8:30pm. The sessions will be run jointly with St Ann's.

First Holy Communion 2022: Any children in year 3 and above who are not at a Catholic school but who would like to prepare to receive their first Holy Communion in 2022 please contact us as soon as possible. There will be a Family meeting on Tuesday 18th January at 6.30pm in St Ann's Parish Room to discuss the program. The sessions will be run jointly with St Ann's.

Pilgrimage to the Medjugorje Youth Festival: from 2nd to 9th August. Fr Tony is holding a meeting at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 19th January** at Christ Church, Heald Green, for those who want to hear more about this pilgrimage for 18-35 year olds. Under 18s are also welcome on the pilgrimage, if accompanied by a parent(s). Parents of all the young people are welcome to the meeting. You can register your interest by emailing Fr Tony at christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk.

Piety Stall: There are some small prayer cards and medals available for free. Please have a look and take whatever you wish. All other items are priced as marked. Thank you.

Diocesan Job Vacancy: A vacancy for a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The clergy welfare officer will provide, advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. Hours: 21 hours a week. Salary £38,000-£42,000 FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 11 February. For further details please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 15 th		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	Brendan Tynan RIP For the Parishioners of St Chad and St Ann.
Sun 16 th	2 nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad's	9.30am	Michael Stephen Sijuwade
		St Ann's	11am	Margherita Picardo RIP
Mon 17 th	St Antony	St Ann's	10am	Special Intention (MPF)
Tues 18 th		St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Geoff Dee RIP Shelagh Tynan RIP
Wed 19 th	St Wulstan	No Mass		
Thurs 20 th	St Fabian and St Sebastian	St Chad's	9.30am	Alfredo Sanedrin Sr RIP
Fri 21 st	St Agnes	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 11.45am	Jim McCormack RIP Funeral of Brian De Vince RIP
Sat 22 nd		St Ann's St Chad's	5pm 6.30pm	For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad George, Helen & Charlotte Finley RIP
Sun 23 rd	3 rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad's	9.30am	The Duffy Family
		St Ann's	11am	Shelagh & Michael Lochery

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Sunday and Tuesday Masses and from 9am-6pm 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 up to April with Mass Intentions. If you do require a specific date, please give as much notice as possible.

Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 9am-6pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. You are welcome to come along at any time during the day.