

**Hymn Numbers:** 69, 25, 237

**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.

#### **Diocesan Job Vacancies:**

1) Clergy Welfare Officer: working with and supervising the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave, providing, 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.

2) Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser: working with parishes in developing a Diocesan individual giving and legacy programme, including in person, offline and online activities promoting and developing regular giving in parishes, contactless giving, Gift Aid and legacy giving, as well as supporting giving to Diocesan appeals Hours: 25 hours per week. Salary £25K-£30K FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 18 February.

For further details for both posts, please see:

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*“People need priests to remind them that they will die one day; and they need poets to remind them that they are not dead yet.”* GK Chesterton certainly had a way with words! I’m not sure he would seriously reduce the role of priests to preparing souls for the Last Judgment, but he certainly felt that it was part of his own role as poet and general wordsmith to convince the world that life is worth living. Although my memory of his precise words is a little hazy, he put that line into the mouth of one of the main characters in his delirious novel *Manalive* about the saintly madcap, Innocent Smith, who risks life and limb in a quest to show the world that life is good and that happiness is at our doorsteps. We have only to learn to look at things aright. After attending a course on existentialist philosophy in which the professor put forth the sad illusion of a world without God - and so a world without ultimate meaning, which soon becomes a world without lasting joy - Smith resolved to spend the rest of his days trying to convince humanity that life is both beautiful and meaningful. Like a new Don Quixote, the holy lunatic gets himself into all kinds of perils in the process.

The character in the novel reveals something of Chesterton’s own self-understanding. As an atheist he had passed through a severe bout of darkness. Without God, he could not see the point of life and so plunged himself headlong into a state of despair. His return to belief in God brought with it an immense sense of joy. He found himself amazed and even stupefied by the sheer magnificence of life. Every facet of existence became a message of love addressed personally to him by the Creator. Through all that surrounds us, God our Father is whispering to our hearts, “I love you.” Chesterton then launched out upon his own crusade as a writer who would help people return to the joy of faith. In the end, his childlike love of life even endeared him to atheists like GB Shaw, with whom he struck up a deep friendship after their initial debates. The joy beaming forth from the face of Chesterton made people who had lost their faith want to believe once again. One young atheist, who had not been living a very good life, and who was attracted to Christ after reading Chesterton said, “I liked him for his goodness... which had nothing to do with any attempt to be good

myself. A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading. There are traps everywhere.” (CS Lewis) Let us also pray for that grace to see the wonder of our being, to recognise the mysteries and miracles of life, to be filled with a holy joy that will be passed on to everyone we meet.

May God bless you all.  
Fr Sean

**Wellspring:** As next weekend (January 29th/30th) is the last 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, tinned meats, tins of baked beans, tins of vegetables, tinned tomatoes, coffee, biscuits, fruit, fresh meat, mince meat and crisps.

**Money Matters:** Next weekend we will have a second collection in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**Confirmation 2022:** Our new Confirmation programme will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> February 7pm-8.30pm in St Ann’s Parish Room.. 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 as soon as possible to let us know.

**Book Club:** There is a change to the next meeting date – We will now meet on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7pm-8pm in the Church Hall. The next book will be announced shortly.

**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](http://www.sah.org.uk/willmonth) for more details.

**Thursday Coffee Morning:** Last week we raised £45 for Francis House. Join us again this week after the Thursday morning Mass.

**Knit and Knatter:** This Wednesday 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. All knitters and knatterers welcome.

**Christian Unity Week** (18-25 January). To mark the above, a service will be held at St Cuthbert’s today at 5pm. All welcome to attend.

**Refreshments:** Please join for refreshments after the 9.30am Sunday Mass in the Church Hall. All welcome.

**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.

**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.

**Mass Times & Intentions**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>		St Ann’s  St Chad’s	5pm  6.30pm	For the parishioners of St Ann & St Chad <b>George, Helen &amp; Charlotte Finley RIP</b>
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad’s  St Ann’s	9.30am  11am	<b>The Duffy Family</b>  Shelagh & Michael Lochery
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Antony	St Ann’s	10am	Eileen Price RIP
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Joan Kelly <b>Private Intention</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Wulstan	<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Fabian and St Sebastian	St Chad’s	9.30am	<b>Sheilagh Tynan RIP</b>
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Agnes	St Ann’s	10am	Sue & Family
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>		St Ann’s  St Chad’s	5pm  6.30pm	Stuart & Agnes McFarlane  <b>Aloysius McKee RIP</b>
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad’s  St Ann’s	9.30am  11am	<b>For the Parishioners of St Chad &amp; St Ann</b> John Rodgers RIP

**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 May with Mass Intentions. If you do require a specific date, please give as much notice as possible.

**Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Adelaide Gilman, Patrick Furey, Robert Copeland, Mary Hallam, Joan Warburton, Mary Lockett Theresa Crilly, Alice Gilleny, John Walsh, John Kenny, Ella Horne, Margaret West, James Whelan, Elizabeth Lamb, Mary Rigby, Kathy Maiden, James Cox, Michael Potts, pray for those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.