

Hymn Numbers: 431, 145, 410, 523, 430

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.

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage: Join the Youth Pilgrimage on the Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27th July - 5th August. For those aged 16-22. Cost is £570 (with additional insurance at £33). For more information and an application form email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

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

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 30th January 2022 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I know a priest who was once asked if it would be alright to play the song, *My Way*, at a Requiem Mass. You might think that it should go without saying that only sacred music should be played in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, but this is not always self-evident to those who haven't been practicing their faith regularly. I grant that the pop music of the 1960's was generally a little more tasteful than much of the pop music of the 1990's - when I was growing up - but pop music is still pop music. If we consent to subjecting the sacred space of the church to the pop music that was dear to those who came of age in the 1960's, then, in justice, we would also have to be ready to accept the pop music of the 1990's too. God forbid that we should ever end up with the Spice Girls or Oasis for the recessional hymn at a Requiem Mass!

In addition to the fact that we should only play church music in church, there is another problem with playing a song whose refrain is, "I did it my way" in the House of God. Catchy though it may be - and ideal for karaoke - if you really think about the lyrics, you will come to the conclusion that it is the one song which the saints in heaven are certainly not singing as they look back over their earthly lives (if such a thing can even be done in heaven). The problem that runs through the Bible from start to finish is self-will rebelling against God's Will. The first sin we read about in Genesis - in figurative language - is one of this kind. They were told in the simplest possible terms the only thing that they were not to do, and that was the one thing they ended up doing. The scope of their freedom was immense, but this was not enough for them. They thought they knew better than God, and so they chose to do it "their way." The rest is sorrowful fallen history. From the original sin to the last sins that will ever be committed, it is always the same story: self-will defying the Divine Will.

There is no holiness possible until we realise that because of our moral weakness we cannot always do whatever we feel like doing. The path to union with God begins when I accept that "my way" is often the wrong way. Only when we have been long schooled by grace will "my way" and God's Way finally coalesce, but deep purification is necessary before then. CS Lewis was so insistent that stubborn self-will prevents us from entering heaven that he wrote: "*There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.'*"

May God bless you all. Fr Sean

Please pray for all those who are sick and for Anne Heath and all those who have died recently. We also remember: Elizabeth Jennings, Margaret Watts, Cecilia Baccas, John Garvin, Thomas Naughton, Baby: Lucy Appleby, Helen Bull, Herbert Richardson, Kathleen Slack, Herbert Yarwood, Robert Noble, Matthew Feeney, Edward Fitzgerald, Gertrude Cronin, Edna Curtis, Catherine Brough, Philip Buckley, Sarah Lyons, Frances Keefe, Michael Chaisty, Olga Hranicka, Angela Gannon, Patrick Campbell, John McCann, Brenda Kelly, Nellie Murphy and all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Funeral Service: The funeral service for Anne Heath RIP will be held on Friday 4th February at 2pm.

Wellspring: This weekend (January 29th/30th) we have our 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. Thank you.

Money Matters: This weekend we will have a second collection in aid of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmation 2022: Our new Confirmation programme will begin on 4th 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: The next book is 'The Hiding Place' by Corrie Ten Boom. We will meet on Thursday 3rd March 7pm-8pm in the Church Hall to discuss. All welcome.

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 for Parish Funds. Join us again this week after the Thursday morning Mass.

Ladies Group: is back and will meet on Monday 7th February at 7pm in the Church Hall for a Chat and Quiz night.

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

300 Club: January Winners of £20 each are: 129 – Pam Saxon, 10 Dr Simon Bryant, 13 Bridget Blackmore.

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.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 29 th		St Ann's	5pm	Stuart & Agnes McFarlane
		St Chad's	6.30pm	Aloysius McKee RIP
Sun 30 th	4 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad's	9.30am	For the Parishioners of St Chad & St Ann
		St Ann's	11am	John Rodgers RIP
Mon 31 st	St John Bosco	St Ann's	10am	Maureen & Adrian Brooks & Family
Tues 1 st Feb	Vigil Mass for The Presentation of the Lord	St Ann's	10am	Mary Lavin RIP
		St Chad's	6.30pm	Jimmy Murphy RIP
Wed 2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord	St Ann's	10am	Joanne Mannion
Thurs 3 rd	St Werburgh	St Chad's	9.30am	The Tynan Family
Fri 4 th		St Ann's	10am	A David Vaneecke
Sat 5 th	St Agatha	St Ann's	5pm	Dolores Cain
		St Chad's	6.30pm	Michael Cusack RIP
Sun 6 th	5 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad's	9.30am	Bill Sellers RIP
		St Ann's	11am	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-6pm on Thursday.

Confessions: Available 5.30pm – 6.15pm on Tuesday evenings in the sacristy. Also, 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.

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.