

Hymns: 302, 313, 473, 245

Updated Covid Regulations

- Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building, but this is no longer mandatory.
- There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although we ask that you are sensitive to the needs of those around you.
- We will continue to ensure that there is good ventilation (balanced against the need for church heating, especially at this time).
- Hand Sanitiser will still be available to sanitise hands on entry and exit of church.
- We will return to having the Hymn and Mass books available on the benches.
- Holy water stoups will be refilled. Please note there is no obligation to bless yourself with Holy water – the water will be changed regularly.
- Congregational singing may continue and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.

***Please pray** for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Jim Goodyer, Alice Hartley, Elizabeth Jeffers, Gladys Welsh, Tony Byrne, Margaret Smyth, Thomas Roberts, Emily Burgess, Giuseppe Agostini, Genevieve Whitehouse, James Deignan, Mary Littler, Ronald Smith, John Milne, Christopher Strahand, Trevor Dell, James Lukeman, Thomas Foley, Jack Vowles and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge: There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to www.cafod.org.uk/walk

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.

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 6th February 2022 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the next couple of weeks, I would like to share with you some beautiful words which Pope Francis recently addressed to married couples in this year which he has dedicated in a special way to families:

Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our “comfort zones”, our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole. Yet our Christian faith makes us realize that we are not alone, for God dwells in us, with us and among us. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security: to be two in Christ, two in one. Your lives become a single life; you become a “we” in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone!

Dear spouses, know that your children watch you attentively; in you they seek the signs of a strong and reliable love. How important it is for young people to see with their own eyes the love of Christ alive and present in the love of spouses, who testify by the reality of their lives that love for ever is possible! To be sure, raising children is no easy task. But let us not forget that they also “raise” us. The family remains the primary environment where education takes place, through small gestures that are more eloquent than words. Children need a sense of security that can enable them to have confidence in you and in the beauty of your life together, and in the certainty that they will never be alone, whatever may come their way.

Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat – wave-tossed yet sturdy, thanks to the reality of the sacrament – across a sometimes stormy sea. How often do you want to say, or better, cry out, like the apostles: “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (Mk 4:38). Let us never forget, though, that by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, Jesus is present in that boat; he is concerned for you and he remains at your side amid the tempest. It is important that, together, you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

Only in this way, will you find peace, overcome conflicts and discover solutions to many of your problems. It was precisely in the midst of the storm that the apostles came to know the kingship and divinity of Jesus, and learned to trust in him.

May God bless you all.
Fr Sean

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.

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.

Piety Stall: We have some new stock on the Piety Stall which is in the hall entrance. Please have a look. All items are priced as marked. There is a box of the wall for any monies. Thank you.

Knit and Knatter: is on this Wednesday 9th February 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall. Open to everyone, feel free to pop in at any time to knit or just to come and knatter and a brew! All welcome!

FOOTSTEPS Event: Footsteps is a series of presentations by invited speakers who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith. It was a very popular programme before the pandemic! We are planning another talk on Thursday 3 March, the day after Ash Wednesday, at 7.30pm in the large parish centre of St Peter’s, Green Lane, Hazel Grove. Canon John Rafferty will be reflecting on “Lent, a time of self discovery and catching a hint of God”– now doesn’t that sound good? We provide a café-style setting in our large parish centre and look forward to welcoming everyone to this informal, friendly occasion. Come and listen, chat, reflect on and drink in the spiritual and actual refreshment that is on offer on the night. Come and follow our Footsteps.

Racial Justice Sunday 2022: Next Sunday is a special day of prayer for Racial Justice. The theme this year is: “In the Image and Likeness of God” celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures.

The Catholic Church Music of William Byrd (c.1543-1623) - A Workshop for Singers. Saturday 26th Feb. 2022 10.30am – 4.00pm at St. Augustine’s Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester M15 6BW. This workshop, the second of several devoted to the repertoire of Catholic liturgical music, will focus on the life and works of Byrd and how he was able to function as a Catholic musician in Protestant England during Penal times. For details see: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/william-byrd-workshop>. Or please contact Dr Rosemarie Darby stphilipnersingers@yahoo.co.uk 07798858900.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 5 th	St Agatha	St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 6.30pm	Dolores Cain Michael Cusack RIP
Sun 6 th	5 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	Bill Sellers RIP For the parishioners of St Ann’s & St Chad’s
Mon 7 th		St Ann’s	10am	Requiem Mass for Mary Josephine Glynn
Tues 8 th	St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita	St Ann’s St Chad’s	10am 6.30pm	Cissie Allen RIP Doreen Thomas RIP
Wed 9 th	St Teilo	No Mass		
Thurs 10 th	St Scholastica	St Chad’s	9.30am	Roger Hunt RIP
Fri 11 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Ann’s	10am	For the Heneghan Family
Sat 12 th		St Ann’s St Chad’s	5pm 6.30pm	DRF McNicholl Family Sr Catherine Joy RIP
Sun 13 th	6 th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C	St Chad’s St Ann’s	9.30am 11am	For the parishioners of St Chad’s & St Ann’s Holly Rose Clayton RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament please note that this week will take place before Sunday Mass and from 9am-6pm on Thursday only.

Confessions: Please note there will not be confession before Mass on Tuesday this week.

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.