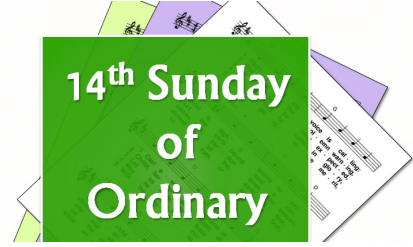




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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th & 9th July 2017



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Doreen Murphy, George Hebda, Fred Brattley, Alban Burton, Doreen Bennett, Marion Pilling, Kath Keates, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, Arthur Moulton, Joe Doyle, John Burke, Betty Whieldon, Lynn Kent, Winifred Booth, Jan Spooner, Nancy Dykes, Doreen Eyre, Brenda Lowe.

THE SICK: If you would like someone including on the sick list on the notice sheets, please fill in a form at the back of Church. Please make sure that anyone whose name is on the list is happy to be included. If there is anyone who needs prayer or a visit but doesn't want to be on the list on the Notice Sheets, please let Fr Eric know &/or fill in a pink form.

Those to be baptised and their families

Esme Maggie-Lou Ward
 George James Andis Wood

Those to be married

Daniel Purcell & Philippa Davies

Rest in Peace

Michael Pargin, Trevor Kellett

And all who have died recently and those with anniversaries falling at this time.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME:

Saturday 8 July: Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00 am Cheadle: Eucharistic Service
 (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

No Morning Confessions

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm Cheadle: Confessions

5.00pm: Cheadle: Maisie & Tom Hackett

Sunday 9 July

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sea Sunday

10.30 am Cheadle: Varghese

5.30 pm Tean: People of the Parishes

No Confessions at Tean today

SECOND COLLECTION FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Monday, 10 July: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service
2.00pm: Cheadle: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday, 11 July: Feast of St Benedict, Abbot,
 Patron of Europe**

Day of Prayer for Europe
10.00 am Cheadle: Eucharistic Service
11.00am Funeral Service: Michael Pargin

Wednesday, 12 July: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Thursday, 13 July: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Friday, 14 July: Feria in Ordinary Time

6.30 pm Tean: Eucharistic Service

**Saturday 15 July: Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop,
 Doctor of the Church**

10.00 am Cheadle: Celebrant's Intention
 (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

10.30 am Cheadle: Confessions

12.00 am Cheadle: Wedding

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm Cheadle: Confessions

5.00pm: Cheadle: Jenny Hammersley

Sunday 16 July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30 am Cheadle: People of the Parish

3.00 pm: Cheadle Holy Baptism

5.00pm-5.20pm Confessions Tean

5.30 pm Tean: Intentions of Dn Neil Adlington

Thought for the Week.

"Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children" says Jesus in today's Gospel. The sentence raises questions: what are "these things" Jesus is talking about? Who are the learned and clever Jesus speaks of? We can only obtain the answers in the light of our understanding of Jesus. The "things" here are the mysteries of God. Mystery does not mean something we can not and will never know, quite the opposite. When the Church speaks of the 'mysteries' such as the Trinity, the Incarnation, she doesn't mean that we can't understand it so don't bother trying, what she means is that it is a Truth of faith that we would not know if it had not been revealed to us. In today's gospel Jesus is saying that the Truths about the kingdom were hidden because he had not reveal them before. The learned and clever, the High Priests and Rabbis who had read Scripture and taught in the Synagogues did not understand. They were too hung up on the letter of the Law contained in the Torah (the first five books of Scripture) and had lost the Spirit behind it, which was love of God and love of their fellow man. They would not listen to Jesus but those who do, the unlearned, can understand the mysteries of God because Jesus is revealing them. Jesus speaks of the burden of the Law imposed by the High Priests when he refers to the "yoke" and calls his listeners to follow his law. He says his "yoke" is easy and his burden light. His law is one of love and with him beside us it is possible to love as he loves.

LITURGY

1st Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Psalms: 144

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

ST THOMAS' TEAN.

Apologies for the rhubarb sale price mix-up after Mass last Sunday. Our head of sales at the Coplow Rhubarb farm got a bit carried away. We were supposed to offer it cheaper than elsewhere (even though it is top class organic) and, as a consequence, those who bought the kilo bags at £2 will have a £1 refund. Those who owe us £2, only owe £1 now. My fault. Sorry about that. The rhubarb has grown at an extraordinary pace this Summer and with a surplus it was only right to share the stuff and make some profit for our church improvement fund. You've heard of the famous West Yorkshire Rhubarb Triangle well we've got the Coplow Rhubarb Rectangle! Whenever there is something available we will put it out after Mass and keep the funds rolling in. There are some honesty plants this week, beating in mind the name I'd better get it right this time.

Eagle eyed viewers watching Antiques Roadshow two weeks ago might have spotted our very own Teresa and Bill Sanders behind one of the valuation tables, offering some gravitas to the programme. There was a rumour that the afore-mentioned Bill might have also been in Poldark an hour later but it was a "ringer" struggling up the cliff side path with some counterfeit brandy. At least I think it was!!

Celebrity Pointless next eh??

If anyone would like to volunteer their services for anything at Mass, please see John or text on 07927 919 728

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER SUNDAY 10.30 am MASS TODAY: Parish Room - Presbytery.

FAIRTRADE AT ST GILES: Fairtrade stall will be this weekend 8th/9th July after Mass.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Mon 17th July 9.45am Guild Hall Meeting. 11am. Joint Parishes Finance meeting.

GIFT AID: If you gift aid your weekly offertory, you will shortly be receiving a letter from the Diocese giving details of your donations for 2016/17. If you have any questions about this, or if you are no longer paying tax, please contact one of our Gift Aid organisers – Elaine Wilcox for Tean (01538 723675) or Peter Lucas for Cheadle (07971 643 648).

If you have not received a letter, then you are not currently gift aiding your donations. Please do consider doing so and contributing to this simple and effective way of raising funds for our parishes.

Thank you.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH: Next meeting Thurs 20th July 7.00pm-8.30pm - Parish Room.

ST THOMAS' PARISH MEETING: Fri July 21st 7.00pm (after Mass). Fr Eric is drawing up the agenda. If you have any items you would like to be considered for this meeting, please let Fr Eric know. Thank you.

FOOD BANK: The food bank is short of the following items, if you could help they would very grateful: toothpaste, shampoo, pasta sauce, tea bags (80's), instant mash, tinned meat products.

SUMMER SHOPPING – ON LINE

Last year St Giles joined TheGivingMachine which is generating extra cash for St Giles.

TheGivingMachine is a UK registered charity, whose sole aim is to help raise funds for UK charitable causes and schools. By shopping online via TheGivingMachine at your favourite shops you will generate a free cash donation with every purchase.

As well as the usual online shopping sites like Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco etc, over the summer you might be visiting UK attractions like Alton Towers or Chessington World of Adventure – or maybe you're booking a holiday through LateRooms.com, EasyJet or Haven.

In fact, before you buy anything online, you are likely to find what you want from via TheGivingMachine. It's quick and simple to sign up. Instead of going direct to your favourite online shopping site, just visit www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk click on 'find a course', type in St Giles Church Cheadle then click on 'join & support'.

Once you have registered you will be able to find the shopping site of your choice and then shop as normal. Every time you shop, a small percentage of your spending will come back to St Giles. It costs you nothing extra.

It really is as simple as that.

Parish Finances:

St Giles':

Gift Aid: £326.90; Non Gift Aid: £250.48;

Total: £577.38

St Thomas':

Gift Aid: £147.00; Non Gift Aid: £79.70;

Total: £226.70

READERS: If you are unable to attend please find a substitute.

Saturday 8th July

Elizabeth Rushton

Sunday 9th July

Mark Downie

Saturday 15th July

Margaret Edwards

Sunday 16th July

Gordon Shaw

Pope's Intentions for July 2017.

Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Hymn Services at the Care Homes:

Beech Lodge: 13th July, 17th Aug, 14th Sept 2.30pm

S.V.P: If you know of anyone in need of help, or who would like a visit, please contact the Parish Office on 753130. * The next meeting for the SVP will be Thursday July 13th 6:30pm *