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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10th & 11th March 2018**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick**

Doreen Murphy, George Hebda, Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartledge, Arthur Moul, Joe Doyle, John Burke, Betty Whieldon, Lynn Kent, Winifred Booth, Jan Spooner, Nancy Dykes, Dylan Alcock, Jill Jervis, Alan Johnson, Angie Macadam, Kathleen Lavan, Mary Webster.

**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 & their families**

Dottie-Mae Carnwell, Millie Rose Carnwell

**Rest in Peace**

Kathleen Keates, Brenda Lowe, Marion Pilling, Derrick Colclough

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



**SECOND COLLECTION  
 FOR EASTER FLOWERS  
 17TH- 18TH MARCH**

**LITURGY**

**1st Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
**Psalm:** 136  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10  
**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

**PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.**

**Saturday, 10 March: Lent feria**

**10.00 am Cheadle:** Benedict J Walsh  
 (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**10.30 am Cheadle: Confessions**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)**

**4.30pm: Cheadle: Confessions**

**5.00pm: Cheadle: Milo Lavan**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 11 March**

**10.30 am Cheadle:** Nora Moul & Kathleen McKeating

**3.00 pm Cheadle: Stations of the Cross**

**4.50 pm Tean: Stations of the Cross**

**5.00 pm Tean: Confessions**

**5.30 pm Tean: People of the Parishes**

**Monday, 12 March: Lent feria**

**Dementia Prayer Week 12-19 March**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** All with dementia

**Tuesday, 13 March: Lent feria**

**10.00 am: Cheadle:** Brenda Lowe

**10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition**

**Wednesday, 14 March: Lent feria**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** Holy Souls

**9.15 am Tean: Eucharistic Service**

**Thursday, 15 March: Lent feria.**

**9.00 am: Cheadle:** (School Mass) Holy Souls

**Friday, 16 March: Lent feria**

**2.00 pm Tean:** (School Mass) Celebrant's Intention

**6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross**

**6.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls**

**Saturday, 17 March: Feast of St Patrick, Bishop.**

**Patron of Ireland**

**10.00 am Cheadle:** All who care for people with dementia  
 (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**10.30 am Cheadle: Confessions**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)**

**4.30pm: Cheadle: Confessions**

**5.00pm: Cheadle:** Intentions of Patricia Barthelemy

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sun 18 March**

**10.30 am Cheadle:** People of the Parishes

**11.45 am Cheadle:** Holy Baptism

**3.00 pm Cheadle: Stations of the Cross**

**4.50 pm Tean: Stations of the Cross**

**5.00 pm Tean: Confessions**

**5.30 pm Tean: Bill Bassett**

**Thought for the Week.**

A familiar passage from John's gospel is given to us today. Nicodemus, a Pharisee; a leader of the Jews, comes to Jesus at night. He is careful not to be seen by the Jewish authorities but he is curious about what Jesus has to teach. Jesus speaks of himself being lifted up as Moses lifted the serpent in the dessert. Moses was told by God to raise the serpent to show God's power at work so that anyone who looked at the serpent would be healed. Jesus speaks of his death by crucifixion whereby he is raised up on the Cross and his Resurrection where he is raised to life so that everyone who believes may have eternal life. God loves us so much that he sent his Son, the Word, the second person of the Trinity to become man in Jesus so that we may believe in him and have salvation. St Paul echoes the Lord's teaching in his letter to the church in Ephesus. Christ is our redeemer. Our sins made us exiles from God's kingdom but just as God sent Cyrus, the king of Persia, to bring his people back from Babylon, so in his great love he sent Jesus to bring us back to the new Jerusalem to live with him the life we were meant to have at the time we were created.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Thanks to all who attended the recent evenings for Eucharistic Ministers. The rules/guidelines have to be applied in ways that meet the needs of each Parish

- 1)To assist with the smooth and reverent distribution of Holy Communion in Church.
- 2)To ensure that the sick and house-bound receive Holy Communion frequently
- 3)Where appropriate to enable ministers to lead services of Holy Communion and Exposition.
- 4)To act always with reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

Thanks to all our Eucharistic Ministers who are so careful and generous in this important ministry. We now look forward to renewing our commitment at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday.

## **ST. THOMAS' TEAN.**

The Holy Communion course at Holy Trinity on Tuesday evening for all Extra-Ordinary Ministers from our North Staffordshire Catholic parishes was very enlightening. It made us think! Now, that in itself is surely worth it. It was for me, anyway. I wonder how often have so many responded to the opportunity to sit, listen, and to be involved in such a forum. Thanks to John Macdonald and the APC for organising it. (The APC, of course, is the Area Pastoral Council, covering all 26 Catholic parishes in North Staffs.)

Most certainly, the church and the way we worship never changes but, in practical terms we have to adapt to situations and the more we think, listen, discuss the issues certainly the better it is for all of us. Some of us perhaps still remember the ways in which we were instructed quite a few years ago. It's only in later years that we put these same instructions into some sort of modern day context.

Mass Responsibilities for March:

Sun, Mar 11; Laetare Sunday; Readers and Offertory from school. Communion Roger & John

Sun, Mar 18; Lent (5); Readers Teresa & Frank; Communion Rose & Barbara

Sun, Mar 25; Palm Sunday; Readers Vijay & Sandra P; Communion Michael W & Teresa

Easter Sunday Readers Keith & Sandra P; Communion Teresa & Michael W

Anyone unavailable please let John know, even if you have done a swap. Anyone wishing to volunteer see Father Eric or John (07927 919 728)

We made an appeal last week for people to join our church cleaning rota. Contact Sandra D if you want any information.

**GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER**

Monday, March 19th and Tuesday, March 20th from 9.30am or after morning Mass.

ALL Welcome.....obviously!

**THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS TODAY:** Parish Room, Presbytery.

**THE GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2018/19** are now available in both churches.

Please take the box with your name on. If your tax situation has changed or you have moved house please inform the parish office.

If you are a tax payer and do not currently gift aid your weekly offertory, please do consider doing so. This is a valuable source of additional income for our parishes. For Tean please contact Elaine Wilcox, and for Cheadle, Peter Lucas. Many thanks.

**PARISH ACCOUNTS** Parish Accounts for both Parishes are available. Thanks to all who support our parishes financially. Thanks to Peter Lucas and our Finance Committee for all they do

**LENTEN CHARITY—AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED 2nd Collection Palm Sunday, 24th-25th March.**

**EXPLORING CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD This Tues 13th March 7.00pm-9.00pm,** St Thomas

More Catholic College, Longton. Fr Eric is going & has 3 places in the car. Anyone interested, please see Fr Eric. This evening should help us explore whether establishing Children's Liturgies would be right & practicable

**FUNERAL MASS MARION PILLING RIP** Mon 19th March 11.45am, St Giles', Cheadle.

**DEANERY VISITATION CLOSING MASS** Fri 23rd March, Holy Trinity, Newcastle. All welcome.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 26TH MAY—1ST JUNE.** As usual a group will be going from Cheadle & Tean to take part in this pilgrimage. The cost by coach is £447 & by air is £731, with supplement for single rooms. For more information see Piers James in Cheadle or Keith & Sandra Dawson in Tean.

**DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SAT MAY 12TH** Details later.

**DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK 12-19 MARCH** Special prayer is on the inside of the back cover of the "Walk with Me Booklets".

**ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT** : Encountering Jesus in St John's Gospel. Methodist Church.

Tuesdays 12 noon—1.15pm Leaflets available. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee/Tea provided.

**RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH: Thursdays 7.00pm - 8.15pm Parish Room, Presbytery.**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Mondays.1.45pm Refreshments, 2.00pm-3.00pm Bible Study, Parish Room, Presbytery. All welcome.

**CHEADLE FOOD BANK:** At the moment we would welcome cash donations towards our running costs with a reminder that we now have a Gift Aid form for tax payers if you so wish, fill one in to get extra cash from the government. Meanwhile our needs at present are: jars of Pasta Sauces/ UHT Milk/ packets of Wet Wipes.

**ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL:** With Easter Day falling on 1st April and family commitments the following week, there will be no Fairtrade Stall in April. The next will be w/e 5th-6th May. If our regular customers need a top-up in the meantime, let us know and we will be able to supply you.

**MARRIAGE CARE IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE** is looking for volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators locally. We are holding **an information evening at St Gregory's Meeting Room, Longton, on April 11th at 7.00pm** if you would like to know more about the role and what it involves. Otherwise please visit:

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or e-mail [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for details.

### **Parish Finances:**

#### **St. Giles'**

**Gift Aid: £208.90.**

**Non Gift Aid: £210.60.**

**Total: £419.50.**

**CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE: £153.80.**

#### **St Thomas'**

**Gift Aid: £106.00;**

**Non Gift Aid: £62.55;**

**Total: £168.55**

**CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE: £47.41**

### **Pope's Intentions for March**

Evangelization: **Formation in Spiritual Discernment**

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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

**Saturday 10 March**

Byron Hammersley

**Saturday 17 March**

Val Smith

**Sunday 11 March**

Gordon Shaw

**Sunday 18 March**

Jinto Varghese

A full list of readers is available from the sacristy & on the Parish website—[stgilesheadle.org.uk](http://stgilesheadle.org.uk)

**Hymn Services at the Care Homes:** Beech Lodge: 15th March. 19th April . 17th May. 21st June. All on Thursdays at 2.30 p.m.

**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.