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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2nd & 3rd March 2019**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The Sick**

Doreen Murphy, Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartledge, Arthur Moulton, Joe Doyle, Betty Whieldon, Lynn Kent, Winifred Booth, Jan Spooner, Nancy Dykes, Dylan Alcock, Jill Jervis, Angie Macadam, Kathleen Lavan, Mary Webster, Andy Johnson, Kevin Mellor, Andrew Harrison, Beatrice Wright, John Henson.

**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.

**Rest in Peace**

Jean Callar, John Burke, Kate Wadlow,

Winifred (Winnie) Hilda Cooke.

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



**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE THIS WEEKEND 2ND-3RD MARCH**

**PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, 2 March: Feast of St Chad, Bishop** *Patron of the Diocese*

10.00 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Archbishop Bernard

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)**

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Holy Souls

**Sunday, 3 March**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Day of the Unemployed*

10.30 am: Cheadle: John & Winnie Phillips

5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

**Monday, 4 March: Feria in Ordinary Time**

9.15 am: Cheadle: John Burke

**Tuesday, 5 March: Feria in Ordinary Time**

10.00 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Frances Woodward

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

**Wednesday, 6 March: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Blessing & Distribution of Ashes at all Masses**

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Marion Pilling

10.30 am: Cheadle: Paul Hullah

2.00 pm: Tean: (School Mass): Holy Souls

7.00 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

**Thursday, 7 March: Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

9.00 am: Cheadle: George Hebda

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

**Friday, 8 March: Friday after Ash Wednesday**

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

**Saturday, 9 March: Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

10.00 am: Cheadle: Celebrant's Intention

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)**

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Holy Souls

**Sunday, 10 March**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

10.30 am: Cheadle: Benedict John Walsh

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass

3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross

4.50 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

**Thought for the Week.**

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to examine our conscience and to be aware of and honest about what we are really like. It is so easy for us to think that we are perfect; that we don't have anything to confess in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; that we always do the right thing. It is much easier for us to see the faults of others and to focus on them than to look inwards and see the reality of what we are. What Jesus tells us today is that, if we think like this, we are so blinded by "the plank," which represents sin, that we can't see what we are really like. The reality is that we are sinful by nature. It all goes back to that first sin of Adam and Eve. Their pride led them to disobey God and through this disobedience they lost everything and pain and death entered the world. This was never God's intention. Throughout the history of man God has sought to restore the relationship damaged by that initial disobedience. Jesus came to restore that relationship by his passion, death and resurrection. He enables us to see the truth of what we are and through the Holy Spirit He guides us back to the Father. As Lent approaches let us spend time in contemplation of who we really are and allow Christ to show us our sin and bring us back to the Father.

**LITURGY**

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7

Psalm: 91

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54

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Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

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

**Car parking:** We have refigured our car parking slightly to retain a "clergy parking" area by the sacristy. We are more than happy to allow staff from our school to park at church but we do need to offer a space for our clergy to park their car.

**Altar Servers:** How good to see so many of the youngsters helping at Mass and being so respectful in their serving. We are grateful to the parishioners and their parents too, who have supported them and assisted in their service.

**Ash Wednesday:** As you will know, Tean Churches Together will be holding a Lenten Lunch on Ash Wednesday (March 6th). All are most welcome for this lunch which is free but suitable for a donation to Christian Aid. We could be having waiters this year...

**Painsley Lourdes Group:** The group is offering cakes after the Family Mass on Sunday March 10th. Proceeds of which will allow them to join the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are able to, please bring along some cakes and, in traditional style, when you have handed them over, be good enough to buy back the cakes to take home or eat in church. I know most of us would rather leave church and head home after Sunday evening Mass but this is such a good cause and although you may miss 10 minutes of Countryfile, you should be home before "Call the Midwife" finishes!

## **MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **March 3rd.**

**All Readings:** Marisabel  
**Bidding Prayers:** Michael L  
**Offertory:** Margaret & Mary  
**Eucharistic Ministry:** Teresa & Keith.

### **March 10th. FAMILY MASS.**

**All Readings and Offertory:** School pupils.  
**Bidding Prayers:** Michael L.  
**Eucharistic Ministry:** Sandra D & John S.

## **THERE ARE REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS TODAY, PARISH ROOM, PRESBYTERY.**

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND:** A total fund of £800 was donated for CTF during 2018. Many thanks to all the parishioners involved. If you would like to contribute to this Fund please contact Fr Eric or Ursula Smith (Local Secretary). Thank you.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 25TH-31ST MAY** Anyone interested in going on the Pilgrimage or finding out more about it, please contact Piers James (Cheadle) or Keith Dawson (Tean). Booking forms are available.

## **PAINSLY CAKE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

After Mass Sunday 10th March 10.30 am Cheadle; 5.30pm Tean. (There will be a retiring collection basket available at the back of Church at the Vigil Mass Sat 9th March 5.00pm but no cakes!!)

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Mondays 2.00pm (refreshments from 1.45pm). Parish Room, Presbytery.

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

**ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL:** This weekend, half-way through Fairtrade Fortnight which takes place from Monday 25th February - Sunday 10th March. The theme this year is "A Living Income," looking at the plight of cocoa farmers, especially women, in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, who supply 60% of the world's cocoa and earn about 75p a day. Look out for the poster display at the back of Church giving more information about this initiative and the article in the Cheadle & Tean Post & Times.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Mass: St Giles' 9.00am (School Mass) & 10.30am ; St Thomas' 2.00pm (School Mass) & 7.00pm.  
Blessing & Distribution of Ashes at all Masses.

**LENT CHARITIES: CAFOD FAST DAY FRI 15TH MARCH** 2nd Collection for Fast day envelopes & other contributions to CAFOD weekend 16th -17th March

**LENTEN CHARITY: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** supporting Christians suffering for their faith. Contributions can be given to Fr Eric. A Second Collection will be taken on Palm Sunday (13th-14th April).

**LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKS AND CALENDARS:** Available at the back of Church. Children in St Thomas' & St Giles' Schools will be given Calendars at school

**LENT ECUMENICAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 12 NOON CHEADLE METHODIST CHURCH:** 1st Meeting Tuesday 12th March; last Meeting Tuesday 9th April: "**LIVING FRUITFULLY**" Reflections on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and challenges facing Christians in the Middle East & here.

**All welcome; please bring a packed lunch; drinks are provided.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** St Thomas' Friday 6.00pm & Sunday 4.50pm; St Giles' Sunday 3.00pm.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** February winner is number 272 (Mrs E Croft) who receives £87.00.

### **Parish Finances:**

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

**Gift Aid: £196.50;**  
**Non Gift Aid: £168.51;**  
**Total: £365.01.**  
**Survive Miva: £301.12.**

#### **St Thomas'**

**Gift Aid: £121.00;**  
**Non Gift Aid: £93.51;**  
**Total: £214.51.**  
**Survive Miva: £141.92.**

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

#### **Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### **ST GILES' READERS: If you are unable to attend please find a substitute.**

<b>Saturday 2 March</b>	<b>Sunday 3 March</b>
Val Smith	Family Mass
<b>Saturday 9 March</b>	<b>Sunday 10 March</b>
Elizabeth Rushton	Gordon Shaw

A full list of readers is available from the sacristy & on the Parish website- stgilescheadle.org.uk

### **CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:**

**Beech Lodge:**  
**14th March.**

**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. \* Next meeting is on Thursday March 7th at 6:30pm \*