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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 6th & 7th April 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett,
 Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates,
 Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartledge, Arthur Mould,
 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, Ted Joyce,
 Beatrice Wright, George Lowe.

Rest in Peace

Pamela Shaw, Doreen Murphy,
 Deacon Louis Livesey

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

PENANCE SERVICE

ST GILES TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
16TH APRIL 7.00PM
SEVERAL PRIESTS AVAILABLE
TO HEAR CONFESSIONS

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend 6-7 April – Easter Flowers

Weekend 13-14 April Palm Sunday

Aid to the Church in Need Lenten Charity
 Envelopes are available at the back of
 Church.

Weekend 20-21 April Easter Sunday

Easter Offering for the Parish Priest

Envelopes are available at the back of
 Church.

LITURGY

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: 125

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 April: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Celebrant's Intention
Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am– 11.00am: Cheadle: Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm– 4-50pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Pamela Shaw

Sunday, 7 April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30 am: Cheadle: Marion Pilling

Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am Mass

**3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross led by Fr Eric &
 Painsley pupils, assisted by Primary schools.**

Refreshments afterwards.

5.00 pm– 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Monday, 8 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

9.15 am: Cheadle: Pamela Shaw

Evening (6.30pm?) Oscott Seminarians Mass in St Giles

Tuesday, 9 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

10.00 am: Cheadle: Deacon Louis Livesey

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

12.00 noon: Cheadle: Funeral Mass Doreen Murphy RIP

Wednesday, 10 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Doreen Murphy

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, 11 April: Lent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls

10.00am-12noon Cheadle: St Giles' School Confessions

Friday, 12 April: Lent feria

Day of prayer for victims of abuse

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Victims of abuse

Saturday, 13 April: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Marion Pilling

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am– 11.00am: Cheadle: Confessions

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD(VIGIL)

PALM CROSSES ARE BLESSED AT ALL MASSES

4.30pm– 4-50pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Intentions of Padayattil family

Sunday, 14 April

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes

Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am 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: Alban Burton

Thought for the Week.

There is an old joke related to today's Gospel which you will have read before. It actually reveals a fundamental truth of our faith. The joke goes: When the woman caught in the very act of adultery is brought to Jesus. Jesus says to the crowd, "If there is one among you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone." From the crowd a stone is thrown. Jesus looks up and says, "Mother! I'm trying to make a point here!" The point is indeed well made. The truth is that only Jesus and Mary were without sin. The rest of us are, in truth, exactly like the woman in today's gospel. There is no denying her sin – she has been caught in the very act. We are not told of the fate of the man because that isn't the point of the narrative. The point is that this woman represents all of us as she stands before Jesus and awaits His judgement. The crowd are testing Jesus. He turns the decision on to them and at the same time highlights the fact that all of mankind are sinners, whether we admit it or not. We all need to look at our own sin and not judge others and we all need His loving mercy. He tells the woman that He doesn't condemn her, her sin is forgiven and she is told to go and not to sin again. Isn't this just the same message we hear in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the priest speaks the words of absolution? The whole message of Lent is summed up in the Gospel acclamation: "Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord of Hosts may be with you." Jesus calls us to repentance and reconciliation. He doesn't condemn us. Why? Because He loves us and He proves His love on the Cross.

ST. THOMAS' TEAN. It was good to join up with our friends from all the other Catholic parishes of North Staffs on Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity when we had a meeting and reflection for Special Ministers of the Eucharist. A very healthy contingent from our two Parishes assembled and more than one person remarked that the event could really have been held in Cheadle/Tea to save on transport. There was a reflection on the commitment and tasks of a priest in 2019. I, for one, struggled to hear all the talk as my hearing is on the poor side but those with smarter audial ability assure me that it was very good. (I blame the microphone system which needed some TLC or a good kicking!) Thanks to all who made the effort to attend. Thanks especially to Colliers Transport (pre-booking essential!) for the lift. Don't forget the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, involves meeting on the village car park at 11 am. We are still open to offers from anyone who would care to read one of the "Station" prayers or would carry the cross for a part of the journey. The conundrum on the Lent Garden was that, on the model there is a replica of the Jerusalem city wall. Calvary is, of course, outside this wall. The wall on the model is wooden and is one of the original floorboards from the Guild Hall which were replaced in around 2008. Nice to keep this local! Winner was either someone called T. May or a person who had scribbled "I may" (have a go).

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

April 7th.

All Readings: Frank.
Bidding Prayers: Teresa.
Offertory: The Woodruff Family.
Eucharistic Ministry: Keith & Sandra D.

April 14th. Palm Sunday.

All Readings: tbc.
Bidding Prayers: Keith.
Offertory: Michael & Marisabel.
Eucharistic Ministry: Sandra D. & John S.

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LEAFLETS AVAILABLE Please take one for yourselves & anyone who might like one.

FR SANDY BROWN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE Fri 12th April is 50th Anniversary of Fr Sandy's Ordination as a Priest. Children from our Parish schools have made large cards for him. These are available at the back of Church for you to sign over the next 2 weekends (30-31 March & 6-7 April). These will be given to Fr Sandy in time for his Jubilee. Fr Sandy & Fr Eric will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for Fr Sandy's Jubilee on Sun 12th May at 10.30am at St Giles'. It's a particularly appropriate day as it is a day of prayer for vocations.

ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL: Fairtrade stall at St. Giles will be after Mass **this weekend 6-7 April.**

NEW ST GILES' READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS available in the Sacristy. Please collect.

ST GILES' LADIES GROUP QUIZ £1 per sheet. £10 prize. All proceeds to Lenten Charity: Aid to the Church in Need. Completed quizzes due in by **this weekend 6-7 April.** Winner announced next weekend **13-14 April.**

SOWER - DIOCESAN MAGAZINE Available at the back of Church. Please take a free copy.

DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SAT MAY 11TH Booking forms now available.

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

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 ECUMENICAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 12 NOON CHEADLE METHODIST CHURCH: final 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 (**No 4.50 pm Stations 7th April**); St Giles' Sunday 3.00pm. (**Stations led by Painsley & Fr Eric 7th April**)

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'
Gift Aid: £239.30;
Non Gift Aid: £220.40;
Total: £459.70.
CAFOD: £248.26.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £87.00;
Non Gift Aid: £101.59;
Total: £188.59.
CAFOD Emergency Appeal: £113.18.

Pope's Intentions for April

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones
 For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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

Saturday 6 April	Sunday 7 April
Tony Lovatt	Gordon Shaw
Saturday 13 April	Sunday 14 April
Palm Sunday Vigil	Palm Sunday
Reader: Byron Hammersley	Angela Mortlock
Narrator: Liz Rushton	Mark Downie
Speaker: Lucas Weaver	Gordon Shaw

CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

Beech Lodge:
8 April, 23 May (please note change of date) & 20 June - All

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.