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First Sunday of Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st & 2nd December 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Doreen Murphy, Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, Arthur Moul, Joe Doyle, John Burke, 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.

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

Fr Petroc Howell, Anne Johnston, Flo Pointon, Mavis Peddie.

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

WEEKEND 8TH-9TH DECEMBER THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE POOR PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE AT ALL MASSES

WEEKEND 15TH-16TH DECEMBER THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS AT ALL MASSES

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 1 December

10.00 am: Cheadle: Fr Petroc Howell Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary 10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions 5.00 pm: Cheadle: People of the Parishes

Sunday, 2 December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30 am: Cheadle: Anne Johnston Enrolment for first Forgiveness, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation at 10.30 am Mass 5.00pm-5.20pm: Tean: Confessions 5.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

Monday, 3 December: Memorial of St Francis Xavier

9.15 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Doreen Murphy 6.30 pm: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, 4 December: Advent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Anne Johnston 10.30 am: Cheadle : Exposition 12.00 noon: Cheadle: Funeral Service Anne Marie Johnson

Wednesday, 5 December: Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

9.15 am: Cheadle: Fr Petroc Howell

Thursday, 6 December: Advent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Holy Souls 9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Friday, 7 December: Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church First Friday

6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary 6.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

Saturday 8 December:

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Patroness of the Archdiocese

10.00 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary 10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

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Sunday, 9 December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bible Sunday

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass 5.00pm-5.20pm: Tean: Confessions 5.30 pm: Tean: Mary Robertson Enrolment for first Forgiveness, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation at 5.30pm Mass

Thought for the Week.

Today we begin the new Church year and we also begin our preparation for Christmas. The whole of our human history has been and continues to be one long wait. Before Christ came into the world His coming was awaited and after Him we now await His return in glory at the end of time. The season of Advent reflects this aspect of our lives – it is characterised by expectation. We may wish that Christ would return today; for Him to take away suffering, sin and death and to bring us all into the light of His presence but we have no alternative but to wait. However, while we await His return, our faith teaches us that He with us still. The Church assures us that Christ is present in the Sacraments and in the ministry of His priests; He is present in the Word; He is with us in a special way the Eucharist; He is with us in the poor, in the Church and in our hearts through His gift of grace; He is present when we meet in His name, to pray and to worship and to study His teaching. He still walks beside us and supports us and through faith we experience this presence. John the Baptist speaks of His presence among us. Our waiting is therefore not an empty waste of time – Jesus tells us that we must stay awake and await His return, we are to expect Him and we are to use the time wisely to prepare ourselves so that we are not taken by surprise.

LITURGY

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms: 24

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians

3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**ST. THOMAS' TEAN.** Please confirm your place at the Painsley Academy Christmas Party, Dec. 5th. Transport offered. Completely free but sign up. This week, the North Staffs Area Pastoral Council celebrated a Memorial Mass for all deceased clergy of our 26 parishes. Afterwards, at the regular meeting, we were looking at ways in which all our parishes could be helped in delivering courses for ministers of Holy Communion or readers of the Liturgy in Mass. More of this next week. On Tuesday, following a request to our parish office, we had a visit from Dr. Chris Wakeley, from the North Staffs Heritage Foundation. This is a group of eminent historians, architects and lecturers who advise on the state of public buildings across the area. Chris, who lectures for the Open University, Staffs University and various other bodies was most impressed with the " Art Deco" style of our church. He claimed it was one of the best examples in the county, of a church designed in the 1930s. There had been some argument as to the architect. We, of course, have always claimed the Scottish architect Ernest Bower-Norris. He worked on behalf of Hill/Sandy/ Norris architects. Our archive records of drawings, sketches and photographs from the 1930s proved this. Chris also commented on the way our church had adapted the use of the Lady Chapel for morning services in the Winter months, as an energy-saving method. He also noted the restored crucifix on the East wall, over the old high altar and was pleased that this and also the pews had been saved from St. Wilfrid's Cotton, on that church's sad demise. He did ask that his thanks be passed in to all parishioners who work so hard to keep our little church in such good order.

**PARISH MEMORY CHART.**  
Wed Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Leave church 1.30pm Painsley Academy Christmas Party for parishioners.  
Fri Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. 3pm St. Thomas' PTA Christmas Fair. Refreshments by parishioners.

**MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
December 2nd.  
All Readings: Sandra D .  
Bidding Prayers: Sandra P.  
Offertory: John & Sandra D.  
Eucharistic Ministry: Brenda.

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Children's Liturgy for children settled into school until upper key stage 2 during 10.30am Mass. An information sheet is available at the back of Church.

**THANKS TO THE 14 WOMEN AND THREE MEN** who gave £425 to Church funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.  
**CLERGY TRAINING FUND** All monies to Ursula by 16th December, please. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE & GRAND DRAW** A big thank you to all who helped, gave items, sold & bought raffle tickets & supported the Fayre. Over £2,600 was raised.

**RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH:** No Meeting this Thursday 6th December

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** 2.00pm Mondays in the Parish Room (Refreshments from 1.45pm)

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS & CHILDREN'S CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** Please take any you can use or give to others. Children in St Giles' & St Thomas' schools will be given a calendar at school.

**CHEADLE & DISTRICT FOOD BANK:** Items wanted, please: UHT milk, mashed potato, cereals, tinned rice pudding, granulated sugar. Thank you.

**THE GIVING MACHINE:** St Giles is a member of *TheGivingMachine* which will allow you to generate extra cash for St Giles. Many schools & charities take part in this programme raising £1,000's every year at no extra cost to their supporters. If you do your Christmas shopping online via TheGivingMachine at sites such as Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury and John Lewis you could generate a free cash donation with every purchase. It's quick and simple to sign up. Instead of going direct to your favourite online shopping site, just visit [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://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 retailer 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. Please ensure you don't miss this opportunity to give while you are shopping and help spread the word to raise as much as we can.

**MANNA HOUSE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS** Manna house is a Christian charity working for the homeless in Stoke-on-Trent. Items which can be donated: Clothing (including underwear & socks), toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, miscellaneous household items, food. Lisa Beardmore is organising this. Items can be dropped at her house or she can collect. Contact details: Lisa Beardmore, 33, Sidney Drive, Kingsley Holt, ST10 2BH. tel 0781 401 2491 or 752386. Alternatively items can be left at the Presbytery. Monetary gifts can be given on-line or cash to Lisa or Fr Eric. **Last date 15th Dec, please.** Thank you.

**CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) Great Cake Bake This Sunday 2nd Dec 10.00am– 1.00pm,** Cheadle Cricket Club. Why not nip down after Mass? Fund raising in memory of Joseph Leyland RIP.

**PARISH LOTTERY:** the winner for November is Mr P Brough, who wins £84.50. The cheque can be collected from the parish office.

**MOORLAND VOICES:** are presenting 'A Seriously Fun Christmas' at the church of St. Giles the Abbot on Sunday December 16th at 7.00pm. Tickets £10 includes programme and refreshments. Available from No16 Coffee House, choir members or on the door.

#### **Parish Finances:**

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

Gift Aid: £209.70;

Non Gift Aid: £196.47;

Total: £.406.17.

Catholic Youth Service: £189.02.

##### **St Thomas'**

Gift Aid: £132.00;

Non Gift Aid: £75.60;

Total: £207.60.

Catholic Youth Service: £63.75

#### **Pope's Intentions for December**

Evangelization: **In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	<b>Sunday 2 December</b>
<b>Margaret Edwards</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	<b>Sunday 9 December</b>
<b>Elizabeth Rushton</b>	<b>Mark Downie</b>

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

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

**Beech Lodge:**

**20th December, 24th January, 21st February, 14th March. 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. \*The next meeting is on Thursday December 6th at 6:30pm\*