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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 29th FEBRUARY & 1st MARCH 2020



PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 29 February: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

10.00 am: Cheadle: Fred Wilcox
 Followed by Exposition & Holy Rosary
 10.30 am - 11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

Saturday, 29 February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30 pm - 4.50 pm: Cheadle : Confessions
 5.00 pm: Cheadle: Intentions of Bp David McGough

Sunday, 1 March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes
 11.45 am Cheadle: Holy Baptism
 4.50 pm Tean: Stations of the Cross
 5.00 pm – 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions
 5.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

Monday, 2 March: Feast of St Chad, Bishop

Patron of the Diocese

9.15 am: Cheadle: Pat Barthelemy
Tuesday, 3 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Pamela Shaw
 10.30 am: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, 4 March: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls
 6.30 pm: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, 5 March: Lent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Paul Hullah
 9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Friday, 6 March: Lent feria

First Friday. Lent fast day. World day of prayer

9.15 am: Tean: (School Mass) Intentions of Bp David McGough
 6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Nicholas Harvey
 7.30 pm: Tean: World Day of Prayer Service

Saturday, 7 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Bp David McGough
 Followed by Exposition & Holy Rosary

10.30 am - 11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

Saturday, 7 March: Lent feria

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30 pm - 4.50 pm: Cheadle : Confessions
 5.00 pm: Cheadle: Brian Woodward

Sunday, 8 March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

10.30 am: Cheadle: Pauline Milward
 11.45 am Cheadle: Holy Baptism
 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.

The temptations of Christ are before us today in our Gospel reading. Jesus, strengthened by the Spirit goes, immediately after His Baptism, into the wilderness to pray before He begins his ministry. This is an important message for us – prayer is essential to Jesus' ministry and it is essential to us. Jesus is fully human like us and He needs time to pray. He also suffers temptation and distractions like us. The story of the temptations shows us that God judges us not as an outsider but as one of us because He is like us in all things but sin. To be tempted is not sin – to succumb may be. Jesus' is tempted with the easy way, with power and control but through the power of prayer and the strength of the Holy Spirit He is able to resist the temptation and to follow instead the path of difficulty and alienation and ultimately, death. His answer to temptation is a model for us. During these weeks of Lent we are called to spend more time in prayer, to fast and to give of our time and money to those less fortunate. It is a time of repentance; a time for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation; a time for growing closer to the Lord. Let us make full use of the weeks ahead and resist the temptation for the easier way.

LITURGY

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm: 50
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, Joe Doyle, 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, Kathleen Horobin, Hiep Vu Nguyen, Fr Sandy Brown, Philip Regan, Gordon Stanyer, Carmel Johnson, Margaret James, Catherine Jones.

Please pray for those to be baptised and their families

Dottie Ellen Bamford
 Stanley Fred Martin Fox

Rest in Peace

Pat Barthelemy
 John Haines
 Fred Wilcox
 Pauline Milward
 Brian Woodward

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

**THIS WEEKEND 29 FEB-1 MARCH
 THERE WILL BE A
 SECOND COLLECTION
 AT ALL MASSES
 FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE**

**THERE WILL BE A
 SECOND COLLECTION
 AT ALL MASSES
 FOR CAFOD LENT FAST DAY
 NEXT WEEKEND 7th & 8th MARCH
 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**



ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

We had our Tean Churches Together Ash Wednesday Lenten Lunch this week and the number attending was far more than we had ever had. Despite the problems over soups supplies earlier in the week, we managed to give every guest a full quota of delicious home-made soup. We were aided and abetted this year by thirteen members of the St. Thomas' Mini Vinnies who gave out the soup, collected the empty bowls and cleared away afterwards. So many of the invited guests were very impressed with their turn-out and it really made the difference. The total amount donated by guests at the Lenten Lunch was over £118. A great result in every way!

We have discussed the possibilities of the MVs assisting at the monthly coffee morning held in aid of local charities. It makes all the difference.

When we consider the effects of shared, joined, parishes we sometimes overlook our parish priest's efforts in supporting the two parishes. I know how much Father Eric's involvement is appreciated even though sometimes we may be reluctant to show any appreciation to him, but we are all grateful.

With Lent commencing this week we note that there are new "Station of the Cross" booklets bringing the service up to date. St. Thomas' actual clay stations are quite precious being made for the Wedgwood company in 1936, by a Hungarian designer. Two sets were made and the patterned design is kept at the Wedgwood museum in The Potteries. It is hardly believable that whilst Europe and the Third Reich was building up for what would be an horrendous war. When we had our church decorated about eight years ago the work was done by Jim Taaffe and his family. His partner, who happened to be the chief designer at Crown Derby, appreciated the Stations and what they were. The same Stations were elaborately and painstakingly restored to what we see now.

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sunday, 1st March.

All Readings: Michael L.

Bidding Prayers: Dreda.

Offertory: Rose & Neville Brookes.

Eucharistic Ministry: Roger & Teresa.

Sunday, 8th March.

FAMILY MASS, All welcome!

All Readings and Offertory: Pupils from school;

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael L. & Michael W.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30AM MASS TODAY DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP: 2.00pm, Parish Room (Refreshments from 1.45 pm).

NEW ST GILES' READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS

Please collect copies from the Sacristy. Thank you.

BISHOP DAVID McGOUGH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD **Mass in celebration Saturday 14th March 2.00 pm at Sacred Heart, Tunstall. All are invited & welcome to attend.**

FUNERAL MASS: John Haines RIP: St Giles' Thurs 19th March 12 noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CANON DAVID OAKLEY TO BE ORDAINED BISHOP ON 19TH MARCH
at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton 11.00am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

Tean Fridays 6.00pm & Sundays 4.50pm ; Cheadle: Tuesdays 10.30 am (after Mass)

Good Friday: Cheadle: 10.00 am Children's Stations of the Cross;

4.45 pm Keralan Stations of the Cross. Tean 7.00 pm: Stations of the Cross.

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT ECUMENICAL GROUP: Abraham a Journey through Lent

Cheadle Methodist Church Tuesdays 12noon –1.15 pm. Tuesdays 3rd, 10th,17th ,24th & 31st March.

Please ring a packed lunch. Coffee & tea provided. **All welcome. Starts this Tuesday 3rd March.**

NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR ST GILES'

As you will all have noticed our hymn books are in a poor state. We plan to buy new hard back hymn books, which should last far better than the current ones. These will cost around £6 each. We ask each person or family to give £10 if they can afford to, to buy one hymn book and contribute towards another. If people are able to give more that would be most helpful. **Special envelopes are now available for contributions. Second collection for New Hymn Books weekend 14-15 March.**

ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL: The next stall will be held after Masses **this weekend.**

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Monday 24th February - Sunday 8th March. The theme is "She Deserves Fairtrade" following on from last year's "She Deserves a Living Wage." Visit Cheadle Library to read more about this, and to sample some Fairtrade chocolate, cakes and hot drinks from 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER)

Services: St Thomas' Tean Friday 6th March 7.30 pm

Cheadle Methodist Church Friday 6th March 10.30 am

This year's Service has been prepared by women from Zimbabwe.

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION Regular Mass attender at St Giles' & Harewood Park resident Jamie Paul needs temporary accommodation ASAP, having been given notice to leave his Care Home as his placement there has come to an end. Please tel. 07951 351678.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £209.00;

Non Gift Aid: £192.66;

Total: £401.66.

St. Thomas'

Gift Aid: £161.00;

Non Gift Aid: £90.22;

Total: £251.22.

Pope's Intentions for March.

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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

Saturday 29 February **Sunday 1 March**

Val Smith FAMILY MASS

Saturday 7 March **Sunday 8 March**

Peter Lucas / Lucas Weaver Gordon Shaw

Hymn Services at Beech Lodge:

19th March. 23rd April. 28th May. `8th June.

Thursdays at 2.30 pm.

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 Tuesday, March 10th at 6.30 pm ***