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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9th & 10th March 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Doreen Murphy, Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, 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

Winifred (Winnie) Hilda Cooke, Pam Shaw.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

NEXT WEEKEND (16-17 MARCH) THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD ENVELOPES & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAFOD



LITURGY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalms: 90

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

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 OF LENT

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

Monday, 11 March: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Pam Shaw

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, 12 March: Lent feria

Dementia Prayer Week

10.00 am: Cheadle: Those with Dementia

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

Wednesday, 13 March: Lent feria

Dementia Prayer Week

9.15 am: Cheadle: Carers for people with Dementia

Thursday, 14 March: Lent feria

Dementia Prayer Week

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

Friday, 15 March: Lent feria

Lent Fast Day, Dementia Prayer Week

2.00 pm: Tean (School Mass): Holy Souls

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Alban Burton

Saturday, 16 March: Lent feria

Dementia Prayer Week

10.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service Followed by Holy Rosary

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Marion Pilling

Sunday, 17 March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30 am: Cheadle: Nora Moulton & Kathleen McKeating

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass

3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross

4.50 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Thought for the Week. The Gospel relates the Temptations of Jesus which takes place immediately after His baptism in the Jordan. He is filled with the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father has just declared his mission. The baptism of Jesus is a clear action of the Trinity for in it the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are clearly identifiable. Now the Spirit leads Jesus into a time of prayer and preparation for his ministry. The Spirit gives him the strength to resist the temptation to turn his back on the will of the Father. The three temptations are very real to Jesus who is hungry and weak. They also have a symbolic meaning. In the first temptation Jesus is faced with doing things his way and not in obedience to the Father much as man did in the beginning when disobedience brought sin and death into the world. Jesus knows that this is not the way he is to choose. He has a choice to make and he chooses the way of God. The second temptation offers him a way to become the ruler of nations without the pain of His passion and death. Again, strengthened by the Spirit, Jesus chooses the right path and acknowledges the greatness of God. The third temptation looks to seek reassurance that the choices made are what God wants by testing Him and bargaining with Him. Jesus knows that faith and child-like trust are important. Trust is important in any relationship and our relationship with God is no different. We are to have the same trust and faith in God and to seek to make the right choices. Jesus needs prayer and fasting in order to open his heart and mind to God and to enable him to make the right choices. We need to do the same and Lent is an excellent opportunity for us to enter more deeply into prayer and self-denial. Let us make a good start.

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Painsley Lourdes Group: The group is offering cakes after Mass, the proceeds of which will allow them to join the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Garage Site: The area is now well cleared of debris, and Steven Smith has done an excellent job of building a retaining wall around the space. The Woodland Trust are sending us (free gratis) some shrubs to complete the job.

Post box: Mr.Fixit (aka.Robert Collier) has produced a post box for church after the Royal Mail reminded us that we didn't have one. Finished off in "martyrs' blood red, it will do the job splendidly.

Many thanks to the people who donated plants for the church Lenten garden outside the door. Any more would be gratefully accepted. Thanks also to those who attended the Ash Wednesday Lenten Lunch and raised over £60 for Christian Aid.

All our events and activities are open to everyone whether you are a local, Tean parishioner or a visitor from neighbouring parts. Everyone is welcome and it is so good to see people from so many different places all gathered to worship together in St. Thomas'. Please take it for granted that EVERYONE is ALWAYS included in invitations.

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

March 10th. FAMILY MASS.

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

March 17th.

All Readings: Dreda.
Bidding Prayers: Frank.
Offertory: Helen & Peter Kelly.
Eucharistic Ministry: Rose & Teresa.

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

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

WINNIE COOKE RIP: We gratefully acknowledge gifts of £250 in memory of Winnie Cooke to St Thomas'.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS PARISH MISSION FOR LENT, ST JOSEPH'S, GOLDENHILL led by Fr Alexander Witt & members of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) from the U.S.A.

Tues 12th, Wed 13th, Thurs 14th March Mass 6.30pm, followed by Mission Service, ending at 9.00pm. All welcome.

LAUDATO SI WORKSHOP Looking at our place in creation and our role in taking care of each other & the planet. English Martyrs' Biddulph, Sat 16th March, 1.00pm-5.00pm, led by Dorothy Harte of the Secular Franciscan Order. All welcome.

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

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

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 ECUMENICAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 12 NOON CHEADLE METHODIST CHURCH: 1st Meeting on 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.

CHEADLE FOOD BANK: Requirements please this week: **Tinned Fruit (urgent),**

Biscuits, Jam (not homemade), Tetrapak juice or Squash. Thank you.

FR SANDY BROWN: We welcome Fr Sandy to celebrate the weekend Masses next weekend 16th-17th March.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £359.50;

Non Gift Aid: £226.83;

Total: £586.33.

Cathedral Maintenance: £185.20.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £113.01;

Non Gift Aid: £91.43;

Total: £204.44.

Cathedral Maintenance: £89.46.

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.

Saturday 9 March

PETER LUCAS

Saturday 16 March

JOHN BLACKBURN

Sunday 10 March

PIERS JAMES

Sunday 17 March

MARK DOWNIE

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, 8 April, 16 May & 20 June - All 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.