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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 30th & 31st March 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

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, Ted Joyce,
 Beatrice Wright.

Those to be married

Samuel Bennett & Jodie Sims

Rest in Peace

Pamela Shaw, Doreen Murphy,
 Deacon Louis Livesey

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

**Blessing of Mothering Sunday Cards
 at Family Masses this weekend
 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**CYCLONE IDAI COLLECTION
 THIS WEEKEND 30-31 MARCH**

There is a retiring collection at all
 weekend Masses this weekend for
 CAFOD'S work to help hundreds of
 thousands of people affected by Cy-
 clone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe &
 Malawi. You can also donate directly
 to CAFOD via their website or sending
 a cheque or via the Disasters
 Emergency Committee (DEC) website.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next 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: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 33

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 30 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Jessie & Alan Mountford
Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am– 11.00am: Cheadle: Confessions
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm– 4-50pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Pamela Shaw

Sunday, 31 March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes

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: Mary Robertson

Monday, 1 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

9.15 am: Cheadle: Pamela Shaw

Tuesday, 2 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

10.00 am: Cheadle: Ivy James

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

Wednesday, 3 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Bennie Polack

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, 4 April: Lent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Holy Souls

(Painsley rehearsing for Sunday Stations in Church after
 Mass— all day)

Friday, 5 April: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: (School Mass):

Intentions of Jodie Sims & Samuel Bennett

12.30pm: Cheadle : Wedding: Samuel Bennett & Jodie Sims

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Deacon Louis Livesey

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

**3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross led by Fr Eric &
 Painsley pupils, assisted by St Giles' pupils.**

Refreshments after—see attached flier.

5.00 pm– 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Thought for the Week.

This week our Gospel is the Parable of the Prodigal Son or more appropriately the Parable of the Forgiving Father. It is a story with which we are all familiar: the younger son takes his inheritance from his Father and squanders it on women and drink until he has nothing left. It is only when he reaches the lowest point possible that he realises what he has done and repentantly returns to his Father. The son represents us in this story. We may not all spend our money on a life of debauchery but through sin we all turn from our loving Father and cause Him pain by the choices we make. The key point of the story isn't the actions of the son however but rather the actions of the Father. We are told that he is looking out for the return of his son, waiting patiently, and, while he is still a long way off, he rushes out to greet him; he welcomes him with open arms and all the hurt and pain is forgotten in the joy of their reunion. This is an excellent depiction of our heavenly Father, always watching out for us; patiently waiting for us to turn to Him; always willing for us to return to Him; ever watchful and welcoming and ever forgiving. But the story doesn't end with the return of the son; we are then told of the reaction of his brother, the faithful son. It is a natural reaction of jealousy. This son also represents us. He wants nothing to do with his brother; he doesn't even acknowledge him as his brother, calling him "This son of yours!" The Father points out that his love is so great that the way he feels towards this faithful son has not changed but he encourages him share in his joy that his wayward brother has returned. The Lord calls us to repent and to return to Him and also to rejoice when others return to Him. Let us heed His call.

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

At the recent school Mass at St. Thomas' those adults present, who were not members of school staff, were staggered (pleasantly so) by the confidence and assuredness of the readers. We rather expect the Year 6 pupils to be good enough to read in front of an audience but when the Reception children did likewise it was most impressive. It just shows that when children even as young as four or five have the right direction and inspiration what is possible. They were impressive and shows just how good their teacher Mrs. Scott (née Chell) is!

We adults have our time for reflection in the next few weeks with Deanery courses specifically intended for those who support at parish Masses. Next Tuesday, April 2nd. at Holy Trinity, Newcastle there is a session for Special Eucharistic Ministers. The course lasts about an hour or so and all who serve in this capacity are invited. The course will last for an hour or so and all who offer their service to the church are encouraged to attend. If anyone requires a lift please meet at our church at 6.30pm but please let John know and we can make arrangements. (07927 919 728).

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

March 31st. FAMILY MASS.

All Readings and Offertory:

Pupils from school.

Bidding Prayers: Sandra D.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael W. & Roger.

April 27th.

All Readings: Frank.

Bidding Prayers: Teresa.

Offertory: The Woodruff Family.

Eucharistic Ministry: Keith & John S.

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

DOREEN MURPHY RIP FUNERAL MASS: Tuesday 9th April 12 noon.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING TUESDAY 2 APRIL 7.00PM, HOLY TRINITY, NEWCASTLE

Would all Eucharistic Ministers, please do their best to attend. Thank you.

ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL: The next Fairtrade stall at St. Giles will be 6th/7th April.

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

ST GILES' LADIES GROUP QUIZ £1 per sheet. £10 prize. All proceeds to our Lenten Charity: Aid to the Church in Need.

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—see flier**)

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £244.67;

Non Gift Aid: £265.02;

Total: £509.69.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £143.00;

Non Gift Aid: £113.19;

Total: £256.19.

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 30 March

Elizabeth Rushton

Saturday 6 April

Tony Lovatt

Sunday 31 March

FAMILY MASS

Sunday 7 April

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:

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. * Next meeting of S.V.P. is on Thursday April 4th at 6:30pm. *