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Second Sunday of Advent



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th & 9th 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.

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

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

**PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK**

**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)**

**4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle:** Confessions

**5.00 pm: Cheadle:** Mavis Peddie

**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**

**Monday, 10 December: Memorial of St Edmund Gennings.**

**Priest & Martyr**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** Holy Souls

**9.15 am: Tean:** Celebrant's Intention

**Tuesday, 11 December: Advent feria**

**9.15 am: Tean:** Celebrant's Intention

**10.00 am: Cheadle:** Intentions of sick relatives and friends

**10.30 am: Cheadle:** Exposition

**Wed, 12 December: Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**9.15 am: Tean:** Celebrant's Intention

**Thursday, 13 December: Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

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

**9.00 am: Tean:** Celebrant's Intention

**Friday, 14 December: Memorial of St John of the Cross.**

**Priest, Doctor of the Church**

**9.15 am: Tean:** (School Mass): Flo Pointon

**6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary**

**6.30 pm: Tean:** Holy Souls

**Saturday 15 December: Advent feria**

**10.00 am: Cheadle:** Fr Petroc Howell

**Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary**

**10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle:** Confessions

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)**

**4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle:** Confessions

**5.00 pm: Cheadle:** Ron Lucas

**Sunday, 16 December**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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:** Holy Souls

**Thought for the Week.**

Today we celebrate the marvels God has worked for us in sending us His mercy and forgiveness and calling us to share in His glory. We await with joyful hope the "Day of the Lord" when His work in us is complete and He returns in glory. The first reading speaks of that time. God promises us 'peace through integrity, honour through devotedness.' Throughout the Old Testament we find accounts of God keeping His promises and working marvels for and in His people. St Paul displays strong faith in his letter to the Philippians, declaring that Christ will complete what He has begun in His followers. John the Baptist calls the people to prepare for the "Day of the Lord"; reminding us of the prophecy of Isaiah which is re-echoed in first reading today. At the Consecration we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the certain knowledge that Christ will come again. We are a people of hope; a people who joyfully await the return of Christ; a people long for and look forward to His coming. St Paul prayed: "that our love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving our knowledge and deepening our perception so that we can always recognise what is best." This prayer and today's opening prayer are ones we can make our own this week as we continue to prepare for Christ's coming into our hearts anew this Christmas: "God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share His wisdom and become one with Him when He comes in glory. Amen"

**LITURGY**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

**Psalm: 125**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11**

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

## ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Many thanks to all who helped on Friday at the Tean Christmas Lights Switch on. To those who helped fetch the stable, put it up, carried the Crib figures, switched on the lights, sold the knitted toys in the Venue, thank you very, very, much!

Next Friday we are providing the refreshments at the St. Thomas' school PTA Christmas Fair. It begins at 3pm, but we are meeting there at 2pm. Cakes, cakes more cakes...! The new 2019 rota for readers and volunteers will be compiled this week. Please let John know if you would like to be added to the list. If he isn't told then the same suspects will be shuffled into the new rota.

### MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

#### December 9th. FAMILY MASS.

All Readings: Pupils.

Bidding Prayers: John.

Offertory: Pupils.

Eucharistic Ministry: Roger & Keith.

#### December 16th.

All Readings: Michael L.

Bidding Prayers: Teresa.

Offertory: Dreda.

Eucharistic Ministry: Barbara & Teresa.

For Mass Responsibilities contact John on: 07927 919 728.

I will leave you with a little observation from about 2,000 years ago, from Nazareth, approaching Christmas, some 3 or 4 years after the birth of Jesus. Mary and Joseph are in their home together with Jesus. The weather outside is pretty horrible, wet, windy and rather bleak. Mary calls over to her husband..." Crikey Joe, listen to that. The weather's bad outside. Is it rein deer?" Joseph replies " no, it's hail, Mary." Boom boom!

## 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.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH: Meetings for adults interested in becoming Catholics or for anyone who wants to explore their faith more. **Thursdays 7.00pm, Parish Room, Presbytery, 18 Charles Street**

CLERGY TRAINING FUND All monies to Ursula by 16th December, please. Thank you.

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

2019 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE Price: £3. At the back of Church.

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. Thank you.

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

ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL: There will be no Fairtrade Stall in January 2019, so the next stall will be the weekend 2nd / 3rd February. The team would like to thank all those who regularly support the Fairtrade Stall. From the 10 stalls held this year, plus purchase of Parish coffee, the takings were £570.30, totalling £6,386 over 11 years. Unfortunately, Traidcraft, our main supplier, is ceasing trading shortly, but our local rep., Ann Thorley, assures us she will keep supplying our stalls as long as she can source Fairtrade products from other suppliers.

AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT We have recently been able to replace the Combi boiler in the Oakley Room in the Guild Hall. This has been possible through a National Lottery 'Awards for All' grant of £2800. We are very grateful for this support. The Oakley Room is regularly used by many local groups including The Foodbank, Slimming World, the U3A, Weightwatchers, the Sunshine Club, the Alzheimer's Society and Cheadle Community Band. Being able to update our boiler means that the room can remain comfortable during this winter for all our regular groups and all other Christmas parties and family do's.

### Parish Finances:

#### St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £263.10;

Non Gift Aid: £259.45;

Total: £522.55.

#### St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £137.00;

Non Gift Aid: £71.37;

Total: £208.37.

### 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.

Saturday 8 December

Elizabeth Rushton

Saturday 15 December

Tony Lovatt

Sunday 9 December

Mark Downie

Sunday 16 December

Jinto Varghese

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