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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th & 20th January 2019

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, Beatrice Wright, John Hensan, Kate Wadlow.

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.

Those to be baptized & their families

Hugo Francis Bailey-Wood

Rest in Peace

Dorothy Nightingale, Sarah Thomas, Eileen Stevenson, Ian Thorley, Deacon Peter Mason, Fr Edmund Motherway. All who have died recently and those with anniversaries falling at this time.

**THIS WEEKEND 19TH –20TH JAN
THERE WILL BE A
SECOND COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI
FOR ITS WORK IN HELPING
TO PROMOTE PEACE**

LITURGY

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm: 95

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 19 January: Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

10.00 am: Cheadle: Deacon Peter Mason

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Holy Souls

Sunday, 20 January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity & Peace Day

10.30 am: Cheadle: Special Intention (T&A)

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass

3.00 pm: Cheadle: Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Monday, 21 January: Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

9.15 am: Cheadle: Dorothy Jane Feeney

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, 22 January: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Tean: Frank & Gladys Collier

10.00 am: Cheadle: Ray James

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

Wednesday, 23 January: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Kathleen O'Keefe

Thursday, 24 January: Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Private Intention

Friday, 25 January: Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

9.15 am: Tean: (School Mass): Celebrant's Intention

6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary

6.30 pm: Tean: Private Intention

Saturday 26 January: Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops

10.00 am: Cheadle: Nancy Shufflebotham

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Fr Edmund Motherway

Sunday, 27 January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30 am: Cheadle: Tricia Oldroyd

Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass

11.45 am: Cheadle: Holy Baptism

5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Thought for the Week.

The image of marriage as a reflection of the relationship between God and His people was familiar in Old Testament times. God is the 'faithful husband' and we, His people, are His loving and faithful bride. In today's Gospel John uses this image to reveal that God is still faithful and we, the Church are His Bride. In this well known narrative we have not only an account of Jesus' first miracle which tells us much about His power and reveals His glory; it tells of His relationship to Mary His mother too, but there is also an underlying message about the Church. The marriage feast leads us to ponder the Heavenly banquet which awaits us, when we shall see God face to face; it also leads us to see a reflection of the Eucharist. Jesus here is not the groom but He is present at the feast. The stewards are told to follow His instructions and through His words the water is transformed into wine just as the wine and water in the Eucharist are transformed at the hands of His priests. We are not told about the bride and groom, they are not the important people in the story. What we are told is that Mary is present and she is interceding with Her Son for the bride and groom just as she does now for us. She shows tremendous faith that Jesus will respond and she is not disappointed; He responds to her in this situation as He does now when Mary intercedes for us in prayer; He does what she asks. The final part of the story tells us of the steward talking to the Bridegroom and speaking of him saving the best wine to the last. The people of Israel were also used to the image of being the Vine who God tended and cared for and to whom He would send the Messiah – who establishes the new covenant through the new wine which is His blood. In the story of Cana we can see God the Father as the Bridegroom who after sending His prophets saved the best – His only Son – to the last and through Him invites us to enter into the New Covenant sealed in His Blood.

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Many thanks to all who helped at church on Tuesday morning when we packed away our Christmas decorations and Crib figures. "Many hands make light work" is the old saying and it was certainly true this week. It doesn't half help when you have more volunteers. There is a conundrum over our Crib figures actually. We have acquired several additions over the years. No idea from where! Last year I noticed that we had 4 kings. I know the theory over numbers of regal visitors but tradition nearly always wins. I downgraded one of the kings last year and he "became" a townsman of Bethlehem. He definitely disapproved of the gesture and on careful

consideration this week he still had the regal swagger. I looked closely at him and then I realised on whom the plaster character (definitely a king, by the way) was based. Then it came to me...yes, of course, Virat Kohli, the Indian cricket captain and probably the best batsman in the World. Everyone who has seen him would agree what a sensational player he is, although sometimes there is an arrogance shown especially as he walks out to bat, head held, regally high, casting a disdainful look over his opponents as if to say "What are you doing on the same pitch as me?" Anyway, this 4th (?) King is staying as a townsman. I have him down as "Reserve King." There could be a vacancy for a shepherd, but I don't know how to tell him!

PARISH MEETING:

after Evening Mass on Friday, January 25th. All welcome!

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

January 20th.

All Readings: Sandra Peck.

Bidding Prayers: Keith.

Offertory: Helen & Peter Kelly.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael

Leeming & Rose.

January 27th.

All Readings: Keith.

Bidding Prayers: John Brown.

Offertory: Rose and Michael

Leeming.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael

Wilcox and John .

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

ALBAN BURTON RIP Alban bequeathed most of his estate to Catholic charities. We are very grateful to Alban for his great generosity. He left £26,575.92 to St Thomas', Tean. This legacy is especially helpful at present as we are funding various repairs to St Thomas' following the Quinquennial Survey last year and will have to find around £17,000 for repairs to the Day Nursery, which provides a major source of rental income for St Thomas'.

GEORGE HEBDA RIP We gratefully acknowledge the legacy of £500 to St Giles', Cheadle from the estate of the late George Hebda

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY Special Unity Service, St Giles', Catholic Church, Cheadle, Sunday 20th January 3.00pm.

ST GILES' READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTAS AVAILABLE IN SACRISTY: Please collect. **2019 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE** Price: £3. At the back of Church.

VOCATIONS MASS FOR OUR DEANERY: Thursday 28th February 7.00pm, St Teresa's, Trent Vale.

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

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

PARISH LOTTERY: Thank you to all those who supported last year. The 2019 Lottery starts this month. The draw takes place on the last Sunday of each month and costs £1 per month (£12 per year). Half the money is given as prizes and half goes to parish funds. The more members we have, the more prizes and more money for funds. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact the promoter Janet Milward on 756334 or if you are in Tean you can contact John Smith on 722464. If you are joining and would like to pay by cheque, please make it payable to St Giles RC Church. **Special information sheet with tear off slip available at Tean. Special envelopes available at Cheadle.**

RED BOX HOLDERS: £1,112 was raised by our churches in 2018. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE: celebrated by Archbishop Bernard, on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary and would like the diocese to know please contact me via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. The diocese is particularly keen to find the couple who have been married the longest (so far 62 years).

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £280.00;

Non Gift Aid: £239.88;

Total: £519.88.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £137.00;

Non Gift Aid: £98.85;

Total: £235.85.

Pope's Intentions for January

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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

Saturday 19 January

JOHN BLACKBURN

Saturday 26 January

MARGARET EDWARDS

Sunday 20 January

PIERS JAMES

Sunday 27 January

MARK DOWNIE

A full list of readers is available from the sacristy & on the Parish website – stgilesheadle.org.uk

CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

Beech Lodge:

24th January, 21st February, 14th March.

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 14th February at 6.30 pm *