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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 7th & 8th MARCH 2020



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, 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
Fr Bob Wright

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

THIS WEEKEND 7TH & 8TH MARCH
THERE WILL BE A
SECOND COLLECTION
AT ALL MASSES
FOR CAFOD LENT FAST DAY



NEXT WEEKEND 14TH & 15TH MARCH
THERE WILL BE A SECOND
COLLECTION AT ST GILES' MASSES
FOR NEW HYMN BOOKS

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, 9 March: Lent feria

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

Tuesday, 10 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Benedict John Walsh
10.30 am: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross
6.00 pm: Cheadle: First Confessions

Wednesday, 11 March: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Canon David Oakley

Thursday, 12 March: Lent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): Fr Bob Wright

Friday, 13 March: Lent feria

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross
6.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

Saturday, 14 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, 14 March: Lent feria

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30 pm - 4.50 pm: Cheadle : Confessions
5.00 pm: Cheadle: Pat Barthelemy

Sunday, 15 March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

Dementia Prayer Week

10.30 am: Cheadle: Arthur Moulton
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.

Today we have the Gospel narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This is the second time the Gospels relate the descending of the Holy Spirit on Jesus and the voice of the Father confirming that Jesus is His 'beloved Son'. The first time is at Jesus' baptism which marks the beginning of his ministry. It points us towards the ministry which is to follow; the ministry which eventually ends on Good Friday when Jesus is crucified. Today's event points not towards Jesus' earthly ministry and his death but towards the Resurrection and eternal life. In the Transfiguration the disciples are given a glimpse of heaven. Moses and Elijah - two great Old Testament prophets - are seen talking to Jesus. We are told that Jesus' face is changed. All three of them are radiant. Moses and Elijah appear in glory and the disciples see their glory. All three are appearing in their glorified bodies. It is a foreshadowing of the resurrection when Jesus will appear in his glorified body before ascending into glory. The whole event gives us hope - the hope of the resurrection when Christ returns in glory and we receive our glorified bodies too that we may live with Him in his presence for ever. The opening prayer today asks that we be "enlightened" with the word of God. Jesus is THE WORD and it is his Spirit which enlightens us. The vision related in today's Gospel reminds us and encourages us that if we hold firm to our faith we will see the glory of the Lord and have a share in it.

LITURGY

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms: 32

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Work has resumed in the Canterbury Garden after the sodden conditions of the past three months. We are having our next working party on Saturday from 10am until 12 noon. Please know you would be very welcome. Bring some old clothes as painting the benches is on the agenda!

Speaking of the Canterbury Garden, there is a statue of Our Lady there on a sort of plinth. It's a fairly substantial size but the weather has had a detrimental effect on it and it really does need an overhaul and a fresh coat of (outdoor) paint. At least that's what I was thinking until an edition of the BBC's Bargain Hunt featured a trip to an outdoor market in Anglesey this week. We saw some average and decent quality garden statues on show. The expert, Nick Hunt, remarked that the items were not valuable and that if you were looking for a good price then the statues should be well and truly weathered and battered. "Oh", I thought to myself and for a moment I was in dreamland, anticipating a massive sale price for our statue. Enough to buy a decent alternative and have enough left for an indoor toilet at church, and a new kitchen area, with enough left to carpet the aisles as well. Then I woke up, the statue was unsold, Stoke City were still struggling in the Championship and we are appealing for helpers in our garden. There was no one at church with a wad of notes wanting a battered statue at inflated price. Back to reality: If anyone would like to take on the refurbishment of the Mary statue, please let me know! Paint is provided.

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sunday, 8th March.

FAMILY MASS. All welcome!

All Readings and Offertory: pupils from school;

Bidding Prayers: Sandra;

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael L. & Michael W.

Sunday, 15th March.

All Readings: Natasha;

Bidding Prayers: John B.;

Offertory: Rose & Neville;

Eucharistic Ministry: Teresa & John S.

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.

FUNERAL MASS: Pat Barthelemy RIP: St Giles' Fri 20th March 1.00 pm.

Reception into Church Thurs 19th March 5.00 pm.

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 bring a packed lunch. Coffee & tea provided. **All welcome.**

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.**

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 LOTTERY: the February winner is number 266 Mr Wilcox £93 50.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £285.00;

Non Gift Aid: £235.46;

Total: £520.46.

Cathedral Maintenance: £219.13

St. Thomas'

Gift Aid: £122.00;

Non Gift Aid: £80.06;

Total: £202.06.

Cathedral Maintenance: £74.75.

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 7 March

PETER LUCAS / LUCAS WEAVER

Saturday 14 March

JOHN BLACKBURN

Sunday 8 March

GORDON SHAW

Sunday 15 March

ANGELA MORTLOCK

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 ***