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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th & 17th February 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, 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

Jean Callear, John Burke, Kate Wadlow, Winifred (Winnie) Hilda Cooke.

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

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND (16-17 FEB) FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



APPEAL AND SECOND COLLECTION FOR SURVIVE MIVA AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND (23-24 FEB)

SEE OTHER SIDE OF NOTICE SHEETS

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 16 February: Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00 am: Cheadle: Joan & Roderick Gibbs Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary 10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions 5.00 pm: Cheadle: May & James Paden

Sunday, 17 February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Racial Justice Sunday

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am Mass 5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions 5.30 pm: Tean: Holy Souls

Monday, 18 February: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service 9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, 19 February: Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Wednesday, 20 February: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Thursday, 21 February: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Friday, 22 February: Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle

6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary 6.30 pm: Tean: Eucharistic Service

Saturday, 23 February: Memorial of St Polycarp,

Bishop, Martyr

10.00 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary 10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions 5.00 pm: Cheadle: People of the Parishes

Sunday, 24 February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30 am: Cheadle: Chrissie O'Brian Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am Mass 5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions 5.30 pm: Tean: Winifred Cooke 6.45 pm Tean: Reception: Winifred Cooke RIP

Thought for the Week.

Today's Gospel is Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Jesus is teaching the crowd the spirit of God's Law which had been lost over time. The Jews knew well the teachings of the Law which had been given to Moses - namely the Ten Commandments. Over time they had become hung up on the letter of the Law, paying observance and lip service to God's precepts. They ignored the poor, the sick and the needy in the name of the Law making them outcasts and unclean. This was clearly against God's will but the Jews couldn't see it. Jesus is putting them right and explaining to them the Truth of the commandments. God created us to be happy and to love Him. To quote St Augustine: "Lord, you made us for yourself and are hearts are restless until the rest in you." Jesus tells us that true happiness is found in doing God's will. To help those in need; to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead are things which the Church calls the corporal works of mercy. Jesus tells us that if we do these things and obey God's Law, we will find true happiness. Jeremiah teaches us that we are to trust in God not man because with God there is life and happiness. Nothing in this life can take away from us the peace and interior joy which we have from Christ if we trust in Him. St Paul, in a very logical way, explains to us in today's second reading that all our hope is on Christ crucified and risen from the dead. Our opening prayer today asks that we may be guided by God's law of love through His grace. Let us make this our prayer for the week - that we may be open to the Lord and guided by His Spirit so that we follow His will closely, in all things.

LITURGY

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: 1

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

## ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Some building work progress to report...We met with the building contractor who recently demolished the church garage. As you will recall, we decided that following the removal of the debris in the area, that we wanted a small retaining wall to prevent any soil slip in wet weather. Steven Smith (the contractor) has been looking at types of brick which would do the job. Hopefully Steven will be able to commence the work during half-term week when the school is closed. It also means that there is no through-grounds pedestrian numbers. It has also been noticed that the ceiling in the Lady Chapel was showing signs of damp. After an investigation it seems that there is puddling on the Chapel roof. Our contractor has this in hand. He's going to be a busy chappy!

Parish Commitments: There is a quarterly meeting of the North Staffs Area Pastoral Council on Monday next, February 18th. This will be at 7.30pm at St. Werburgh's Parish Room, Clayton. The meetings rarely last more than an hour. We always attend these meetings but sometimes, it can be awkward, if there is a clash of times. If you can help by attending this meeting and representing St. Thomas' parish, please let John know (07927 919 728)

### MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

#### February 17th.

All Readings: Frank  
Bidding Prayers: Keith  
Offertory: W & T Sanders  
Eucharistic Ministry: Sandra D. & Rose.

#### February 24th.

All Readings: Marisabel  
Bidding Prayers: John B  
Offertory: Margaret & Mary  
Eucharistic Ministry: Teresa & Keith

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

#### FUNERAL MASS WINNIE COOKE RIP St Thomas' Tean Mon 25th Feb 11.00am

(Reception Sun 24 Feb 6.45pm).

**CLERGY TRAINING FUND** A total fund of £800 was donated for CTF during 2018. Many thanks to all the parishioners involved. If you would like to contribute to this Fund please contact Fr Eric or Ursula Smith (Local Secretary). Thank you.

**ST GILES' & ST THOMAS' SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2018** Available at the back of Church.

**SURVIVE - MIVA APPEAL AT WEEKEND MASSES 23RD-24TH FEB CHEADLE & TEAN** Catholic Lay Association which funds essential transport for health & outreach work in isolated rural areas in Asia, Africa & Central & South America. Please respond generously to this Appeal.

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

**NO BIBLE STUDY GROUP OR RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH THIS WEEK** Next Meetings: Bible Study Mon 25th Feb 2.00pm (Refreshments from 1.45pm). RCIA/ Journey in Faith Thurs 28 Feb 7.00pm.

**FOOD BANK:** The following items are required: **tinned tomatoes (very urgent)**, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, jars of jam and chocolate treats for children.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service Friday 1st March 10.30am, Cheadle Methodist Church.

### DEANERY MEETINGS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday 2nd April 7.00pm, Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

Readers: Tuesday May 14th 7.00pm, St Teresa's, Trent Vale.

**All encouraged to attend. Individual invitations will be sent later.**

**ST. GILES FAIRTRADE STALL:** The next stall will be held on the weekend of 2nd - 3rd March, half-way through Fairtrade Fortnight which takes place from Monday 25th February - Sunday 10th March. The theme this year is "A Living Income," looking at the plight of cocoa farmers, especially women, in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire in West Africa, who supply 60% of the world's cocoa and earn about 75p a day. Look out for the poster display at the back of Church giving more information about this initiative and the article in the Cheadle & Tean Post & Times.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH** Mass: St Giles' 9.00am (School Mass) & 10.30am ; St Thomas' 2.00pm (School Mass) & 7.00pm. Blessing & Distribution of Ashes at all Masses.

### LENT ECUMENICAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 12 NOON CHEADLE METHODIST CHURCH

1st Meeting 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.**

#### Parish Finances:

##### St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £227.00;  
Non Gift Aid: £251.51;  
Total: £478.51.

##### St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £105.00;  
Non Gift Aid: £55.91;  
Total: £160.91.

#### Pope's Intentions for February

**Evangelization: Human Trafficking**  
For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

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

<b>Saturday 16 February</b> Byron Hammersley	<b>Sunday 17 February</b> Jinto Varghese
<b>Saturday 23 February</b> Lucas Weaver	<b>Sunday 24 February</b> Angela Mortlock

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

#### CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

**Beech Lodge:**  
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.