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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5th & 6th 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 baptised

Emily Lawton

Rest in Peace

Dorothy Nightingale, Sarah Thomas, Eileen Stevenson, Ian Thorley
All who have died recently and those with anniversaries falling at this time.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5 January: Christmas feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Celebrant's Intention
Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary
10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (VIGIL)

4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions
5.00 pm: Cheadle: Holy Souls

Sunday, 6 January

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Monday, 7 January: Christmas feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Sarah Thomas
9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention
11.00am: Cheadle: Funeral Service: Sarah Thomas RIP

Tuesday, 8 January: Christmas feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention
10.00 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Sam Sproule

Wednesday, 9 January: Christmas feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eileen Stevenson
9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, 10 January: Christmas feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls

Friday, 11 December: Christmas feria

9.15 am: Tean: Holy Souls
11.00am: Cheadle: Funeral Service: Eileen Stevenson RIP
6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary
6.30 pm: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Saturday 12 January: Christmas feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Celebrant's Intention
Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary
10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (VIGIL)

4.30 pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions
5.00 pm: Cheadle: Holy Souls

Sunday, 13 January

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10.30 am: Cheadle: In thanksgiving
5.00 pm-5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions
5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Thought for the Week.

"Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is shining on you. Though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples." Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord – the revelation of Christ to the world. He is the light which has come into the world. Light and darkness are familiar images in the Old Testament. Darkness represents sin and sinfulness whereas light depicts God and purity. Isaiah therefore calls us to shine out – to cast off sin – because our light (Christ) has come to us. He is the glory of God. Sin still exists in the world and we are all guilty of sin but the prophet continues to tell us that if we draw close to Christ we will reflect something of His radiance. The more time we spend in His presence the more we become like Him. The Gospel speaks of the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. This is a story which reveals to us the power of God and the fact that Christ came into the world for all people, not just for the redemption of Israel. Christ draws all people to Himself. The gospel writer wants us to understand that Jesus is the Christ and that He is Christ of the whole world. The gifts he tells us are brought to the infant have symbolic mystic meaning. Gold reveals Christ as King, Frankincense reveals that He is holy and Myrrh reveals His humanity. We replicate these gifts in our celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharistic celebration we offer to the Father the human sacrifice of Jesus, we use gold vessels to hold the sacred Body and Blood of Christ and we use incense to remind us that what we do is holy. Today let us allow the light of Christ to enter our lives so that we may "shine out" and reflect the love of Christ to those we meet.

LITURGY

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms: 71

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

Can I echo the comments from Father Eric about our efforts over the Christmas period. It really was heartening to have so much support from parishioners.

On Monday morning (January 7th) we will be putting the High Street Nativity Stable in storage, likewise with the crib figures. We are meeting up at 10am in the High Street, and anyone who can spare an hour would be most welcome. The Stable goes off to Teanford B&B for its annual Spring/Summer/Autumn holiday, thanks to Lynn and Eddie Plant. The figures are stored at our church in the gallery store-room. We are also dismantling our church crib and tree on this day so anyone with any time is encouraged to lend a hand. It's a great antidote to over eating, over drinking, or even watching your beloved local football club sinking into the mire. Try it. It does work!

The parish archives are now on display in church and will continue to be available for anyone wishing you learn more about (and to add to) our rich local parish heritage. It has been a privilege to assemble the information and to present it together in one place. Any photograph, letter, document or memory would be welcomed. We make a copy of anything and return the original to you.

MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

December 16th.

All Readings: Michael L.
Bidding Prayers: Teresa.
Offertory: Dreda.
Eucharistic Ministry: Barbara & Teresa.

December 23rd.

All Readings: Marisabel.
Bidding Prayers: Dreda.
Offertory: The Coopers.
Eucharistic Ministry: Michael W and Sandra D.

The Readers' and Ministers' rotas are being prepared as I compile this column. They will be available soon.

For Mass Responsibilities contact John on: 07927 919 728.

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'.

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.

ST GILES' WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THOSE NOT IN THE GIFT AID SCHEME FOR 2019 Please take a box of envelopes if you use weekly envelopes (**NOT GIFT AID DONORS**). Thank you.

THE GUILD HALL: if you are a FaceBook user, please LIKE the Guild Hall page and share the odd post. This will spread interest and awareness and may even lead to more bookings. Recent posts include photos of the floor being laid and a celebration of the new boiler in the Oakley Room.

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Next meeting Monday, 7th January 2.00pm (refreshments from 1.45pm).

TUESDAY MORNING EXPOSITION: Tuesday, January 8th January 10.30am.

RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH: Next meeting Thursday, 10th January 7.00pm.

CRIB OFFERINGS: This Christmas will go to **Friends of the Holy Land**. This charity helps vulnerable Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Please give generously. You may like to take a Christmas Prayer leaflet when you leave an offering. Further information: www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk.

PARISH LOTTERY: The December winner is No. 25 Mrs. U. Smith Tean £84.50.

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.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £216.50;
Non Gift Aid: £247.26;
Total: £463.76.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £134.00;
Non Gift Aid: £74.27;
Total: £208.27.

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.

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| Saturday 5 January Val Smith | Sunday 6 January Angela Mortlock |
| Saturday 12 December Peter Lucas | Sunday 13 December Family Mass |

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

CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

Beech Lodge:
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.