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Baptism  
of the Lord



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12th & 13th 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.

**Rest in Peace**

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

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

**LITURGY**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Psalm: 103**

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**



**PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday 12 January: Christmas feria**

**10.00 am: Cheadle:** Dorothy Nightingale

**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

**Monday, 14 January: Feria in Ordinary Time**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** Holy Souls

**Tuesday, 15 January: Feria in Ordinary Time**

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

**10.00 am: Cheadle:** Intentions of Mrs Frances Woodward

**Wednesday, 16 January: Feria in Ordinary Time**

**9.15 am: Cheadle:** Dorothy Jane Feeney

**Thursday, 17 January: Memorial of St Antony, Abbot**

**9.00 am: Cheadle:** (School Mass): Paul Walsh

**Friday, 18 December: Feria in Ordinary Time**

*Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity*

**9.15 am: Tean:** (School Mass): Colin Kemball

**6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary**

**6.30 pm: Tean:** Holy Souls

**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

**Thought for the Week.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of the Lord. Baptism is the first sacrament, the gateway to all other sacraments. We are baptised for the forgiveness of sins which restores us to the right relationship with the Father which He intended from the Beginning and at the same time we are incorporated into the family of believers. The need for baptism comes because of the disobedience of the human race, portrayed in the story of Adam and Eve, which removed us from the relationship of love for which we were created. Our fallen human nature inclines us to sin, and baptism not only restores our souls to the state God intended but gives us the grace and gift of the Holy Spirit to help us to live in the way God intended. This gift is further strengthened at Confirmation, which, in the early Church, used to be conferred immediately after Baptism. You may well wonder why, since Baptism is celebrated for the forgiveness of sin and Jesus was sinless, did Jesus come to be baptised by John? The reason, explained in Matthew's gospel, is that it is to "do all that righteousness demands." Jesus did not need baptism but He showed us that it is necessary for mankind's redemption. The Father reinforced its necessity. As the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus He announces that this man – Jesus – is the "Beloved Son". The name David means "Beloved" and Jesus is the new David; the Promised One of David's line; the Messiah. The Father confirms Jesus' identity as the Christ, just as He confirms our identity as His children in our baptism. Through our baptism we become not only God's children but brothers and sisters, sharing a unity in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit and a configuration to Christ. It is this which unites us not only to other Catholics but to other Christians, baptised in the name of the Trinity.

## ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

You may have noticed the old garage by our (outdoor) toilet at church has been removed. The accompanying tree which had become quite attached to its asbestos-riddled friend is also gone. The garage was, of course, rented by George Day, a former parishioner and electrician who until his death last year at the age of 93, was still engaged in parish life, including daily Mass. George was one of those people who are "smart as paint" and brilliantly organised. Even when he was unable to get around as quickly as he used to, he was still willing to chat for hours on end about a boxing match, football match or the strength of the England cricket team. At least now we have removed all the risk of danger from the garage's cladding. Thanks to Steven Smith who was contracted to remove the garage. At least it will cease to be a distraction to satellites in outer space.

Our thanks go to Peter Lucas, ably assisted by Pete Brown who, after the contractor shifted the garage but not the debris, tackled the overspill and filled countless skips in the process. It was almost like one of those old "Jeux sans Frontières" games on It's a Knock-out with Eddie Waring. "You have got 10 minutes to wheelbarrow all this rubbish to that skip before the next one arrives". All this and wearing (I guess) oversize gloves, wellies, and woolly hats!

Thanks Peters!

There are still copies of the readers/ helpers rota available. There was an attempt to break the record for the number of readers who could be filed on a rota in a 6 monthly period. Thanks to all who volunteered so readily in our efforts to be part of the Mass celebration.

### MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:

January 13th. Family Mass.

Bidding Prayers: Sandra Peck.  
Eucharistic Ministry: Roger & John.

January 20th.

All Readings: Sandra Peck.

Bidding Prayers: Keith.

Offertory: Helen & Peter Kelly.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael Leeming & Rose.

## 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.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHEADLE & DISTRICT:** Meeting Tuesday 15th September, 2.00pm, Parish Room, St Giles' Presbytery. We could do with some new representatives from St Giles'. If you're interested, please come along.

**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.

**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.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk).

**Last opportunity to give this weekend 12th-13th January**

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:** celebrated by Archbishop Bernard, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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: £285.11;

Non Gift Aid: £274.21;

Total: £559.32.

### St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £115.00;

Non Gift Aid: £95.20;

Total: £210.20.

### 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 12 January**      **Sunday 13 January**

Peter Lucas                      Family Mass

**Saturday 19 January**      **Sunday 20 January**

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:**

**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.