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Third Sunday of Advent



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15th & 16th December 2018

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Doreen Murphy, Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, Arthur Moulton, 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

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

**THERE WILL BE
A SECOND COLLECTION FOR
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
AND DECORATIONS
AT ALL MASSES
THIS WEEKEND 15TH-16TH DEC**

PENANCE SERVICES

**This Tuesday 18th December 7.00pm
St Giles, Cheadle
With Fr Eric & visiting Priests**

**If you can't get to St Giles'
Penance Service**

**This Monday 17th December 7.00pm
St Augustine's, Meir**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**CHRISTMAS EVE TUES 24TH DEC
4.00pm Tean Family Mass & Carols
6.00pm Cheadle Family Mass & Carols
8.00pm Cheadle Midnight Mass & Carols**

**CHRISTMAS DAY WED 25TH DEC
10.00am Cheadle Mass & Carols
4.00pm Cheadle - Evening Prayer**

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 15 December: Advent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Fr Petroc Howell
Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary
10.30 am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions
5.00 pm: Cheadle: Ron Lucas

Sunday, 16 December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, 17 December: Advent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Private Intention
9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention
2.00 pm: Cheadle: Painsley VI Form Carol Service

Tuesday, 18 December: Advent feria

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention
10.00 am: Cheadle: (Yr 7 Painsley attending): Holy Souls
2.00 pm: Cheadle: St Giles' School Carol Service
7.00 pm: Cheadle: Penance Service
- with Fr Eric & visiting Priests

Wednesday, 19 December: Advent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Ken Pickford
9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, 20 December: Advent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: Holy Souls

Friday, 21 December: Advent feria

9.15 am: Tean: (School Mass): Holy Souls
6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary
6.30 pm: Tean: Fr Petroc Howell

Saturday 22 December: Advent feria

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm-4.50 pm: Cheadle: Confessions
5.00 pm: Cheadle: Beryl Dean

Sunday, 23 December

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers
10.30 am: Cheadle: Fr Petroc Howell
Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass
5.00pm-5.20pm: Tean: Confessions
5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Thought for the Week.

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! The response to our psalm today is taken from the prophecy of Isaiah and speaks of the Lord and the great things He has done. Throughout the Old Testament the prophecies reveal God's promises regarding the Messiah. Isaiah also tells us that "a virgin will conceive and bear a son and he will be called Emmanuel" and in today's first reading we have Zephaniah telling us that "daughter of Zion" and "daughter of Jerusalem" should shout for joy and rejoice for God is in their midst to save and restore Israel. The Messiah was long expected and John the Baptist, the last Old Testament prophet tells us that the coming is imminent and that we are to repent and prepare for that day. It would be easy for us, like so many, to believe that these words, spoken so long ago, have no relevance today but our faith tells us that the words are very appropriate to us here and now. Christ will return and we must be prepared; we need to turn again to God and ask for His loving mercy. We know that Mary was the fulfilment of these Old Testament prophecies. Right from the very beginning, when Adam lost his place in God's presence because of his disobedience, God promised that He would send a Messiah, a new Adam, to restore man to his rightful place. The Church teaches in her Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) that Mary is the "exalted Daughter of Zion and the new plan of salvation is established" in her. Mary's was destined from the beginning like that of the Son she bore; a promise of the old covenant fulfilled in the new "so that just as a woman had a share in bringing about death, so also a woman should contribute to life." Mary is our example as well as our Mother. She opened herself to do the will of God so that she could welcome Him into her womb. We too, through repentance, turn back to God and open our hearts to welcome Christ into our lives. Let us make full use of this Advent season to do just that.

LITURGY

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalm: 12
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

As you will be aware from information passed on recently, we had a Quinquennial Review at St. Thomas', earlier this year. (It's just a rather posh way of saying "5-year building check"). The architect who carried it out was the usual Wood, Goldstraw & Yorath company's Andrew Capper, who knows our two churches very, very well. Certain items were highlighted as necessary and work on these has been put into action over the past few weeks. The old concrete cross on the eastern side of church was in a poor state so this has been removed. We have a cross on the west side anyway which serves the purpose. Other urgent work was carried out whilst the scaffolding was in place. Andrew won't be involved in the church cleaning unfortunately, although he would have been most welcome. This will be done by anyone remotely interested and keen on Monday morning from after Mass (9.45am). Please come if you can. Work should be finished by 10pm that evening! Refreshments are supplied but don't get too excited, it's the usual seasonal treat ... sprout sandwiches!

After discussion with Father Eric who was extremely sympathetic to the needs) we will be decorating church on Friday Dec 21st. from after Mass (10am). Anyone and everyone very welcome! We won't be switching on lights or the like as there is the matter of Advent Sunday IV but this is very helpful. Thanks Father Eric!

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.

ANY VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS (EVE) VIGIL MASS please see John, this Sunday, at Mass.

For Mass Responsibilities contact John on: 07927 919 728.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & GREETINGS LEAFLETS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH Please take a copy for yourselves and additional copies for anyone you know who might like one. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH The offering at the Christmas Masses is the traditional one for your Parish Priest. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

MANNA HOUSE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS: Manna house is a Christian charity working for the homeless in Stoke-on-Trent. Items which can be donated: Clothing (including underwear & socks), toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags, towels, miscellaneous household items, food. Lisa Beardmore is organising this. Items can be dropped at her house or she can collect. Contact details: **Lisa Beardmore, 33, Sidney Drive, Kingsley Holt, ST10 2BH. tel 0781 401 2491 or 752386.** Alternatively items can be left at the Presbytery. Monetary gifts can be given on-line or cash to Lisa or Fr Eric. Thank you.

MOORLAND VOICES: are presenting 'A Seriously Fun Christmas' at the church of St. Giles the Abbot on **this Sunday, 16th December at 7.00pm.** Tickets £10 includes programme and refreshments. Available from No16 Coffee House, choir members or on the door

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

NO BIBLE STUDY GROUP FOR THREE WEEKS. Next meeting Mon 7th Jan 2.00pm (refreshments from 1.45pm).

NO TUESDAY MORNING EXPOSITION FOR THREE WEEKS Next Tuesday Exposition Tues 8th Jan 10.30am.

NO RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH MEETINGS FOR THREE WEEKS Next meeting Thursday 10th Jan 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. It is supported by many Churches and its patrons include the Catholic Archbishops of Westminster & Birmingham & the CofE Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Bernard has particularly asked Parishes to support this charity with Crib offerings. The charity assists in: Housing, Employment, Education, Health & Family Support. Please give generously. You may like to take a Christmas Prayer leaflet when you leave an offering. Further information: www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'
Gift Aid: £245.50;
Non Gift Aid: £201.69;
Total: £447.19.
Poor Parishes: £219.26.

St Thomas'

Gift Aid: £210.00;
Non Gift Aid: £93.06;
Total: £303.06.
Poor Parishes: £72.61.

Pope's Intentions for December

Evangelization: **In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

Saturday 15 December	Sunday 16 December
Tony Lovatt	Jinto Varghese
Saturday 22 December	Sunday 23 December
Byron Hammersley	Gordon Shaw

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

CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

Beech Lodge:
20th December, 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.