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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 23rd & 24th March 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett,  
Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates,  
Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartledge, Arthur Moulton,  
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.

**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

Pam Shaw, John Henson, Doreen Murphy.

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

Blessing of Mothering Sunday Cards

at Family Masses

on Mothering Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent 31st March

10.30 am Cheadle, 5.30 pm, Tean



LITURGY

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,143-15

Psalm: 102

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 23 March: Lent feria

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm- 4-50pm Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Milo Lavan

Sunday, 24 March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

10.30 am: Cheadle: Doreen Murphy

Children's Liturgy at 10.30 am Mass

3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross

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, 25 March: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.15 am: Cheadle: Special Intention

Tuesday, 26 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Roger Langley

10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

Wednesday, 27 March: Lent feria

9.15 am: Cheadle: Molly & John Manfield

9.15 am: Tean: Eucharistic Service

Thursday, 28 March: Lent feria

9.00 am: Cheadle: (School Mass): John Evans

2.00 pm: Cheadle: Funeral Mass: Pamela Shaw RIP

Friday, 29 March: Lent feria

9.15 am: Tean: (School Mass): John Siviter

6.00 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

6.30 pm: Tean: Roger Highfield

Saturday, 30 March: Lent feria

10.00 am: Cheadle: Jessie & Alan Mountford

Followed by Exposition with Holy Rosary

10.30 am- 11.00am: Cheadle: Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (VIGIL)

4.30pm- 4-50pm: Cheadle: Confessions

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Pam Shaw

Sunday, 31 March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments

10.30 am: Cheadle: People of the Parishes

3.00 pm: Cheadle: Stations of the Cross

4.50 pm: Tean: Stations of the Cross

5.00 pm- 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions

5.30 pm: Tean: Mary Robertson

Thought for the Week.

Today's Old Testament reading tells us of the call of Moses and his encounter with God in the Burning Bush. Moses receives his mission from God in this encounter where God reveals himself as a compassionate God who sees the suffering of His people and takes action to relieve them. In confirmation of His promise God reveals His name to Moses: "I AM". This is the name by which God is known for all time. It is a name, St John's Gospel tells us, that Jesus will use many times as He teaches, for example "I AM the Good Shepherd; I AM the Resurrection; I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life." Moses is a key figure in the salvation history of Israel and, therefore, in our salvation history. In the Gospel we find Jesus teaching about sin and repentance. He tells His listeners, and us, quite clearly that we should not assume that others are greater sinners than we are; nor should we consider that we are OK and will not suffer because of our sin. It is easy to fool ourselves that we don't sin - a kind of "I'm all right Jack" attitude and it is definitely easier to focus on the sin we see in others rather than looking inwards to see ourselves as we really are. Jesus tells us that if we do not repent we will perish. During this season of Lent we spend time thinking about sin and death and through self-denial we take on some suffering to show that we are repentant. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to us all year round and we are encouraged to make full use of this wonderful gift but it is at this time of year particularly that the Church calls us to visit the Lord in this Sacrament and to reconcile ourselves with him. St Paul reminds us of why this is so. He says: "the man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall." Let us turn to the Lord, recognising our sinfulness and reconcile ourselves with him now.

**ST. THOMAS' TEAN.** You may have noticed our Lent Garden just outside church, which is there to prompt everyone who passes by the church door that we are in the season of Lent and all that gives us. There is a link between the small boxed garden and the Cheadle Catholic Guild Hall. Anyone guessing the correct answer written on a piece of paper (available in the Narthex at church) is eligible for a cash prize. This is a complete one-off so have a go! No entry fee needed! Thanks to our readers and ministers and those who assist at the Mass Offertory for volunteering and assisting at the weekly celebration. I am so grateful for those who ring or send a message outlining their unavailability or such. It doesn't half make the job of coordinating the rota easier. Thanks! We received a lovely invitation this week from the Years 7 and 8 chaplaincy team at Painsley College to a Stations of the Cross service and Afternoon tea at the college next Tuesday. What a wonderful gesture! Nora, Sandra, Robert and Keith have kindly offered to represent us. I know it's barely half-way through Lent but, advanced notice here, the Annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday begins from the village car park at 11am. We have made special efforts this year to ensure that the route is especially kind to push-chair users, those with a mobility issue or, indeed, anyone who doesn't want to vault over 2 metre high fences! As always, if there is anyone who would care to volunteer to read at one of the Stations en route around Tean, or to carry the Cross then please have a word with John.

**MASS RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**March 24th.**

All Readings: John B.

Bidding Prayers: John S .

Offertory: Dreda.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael L and Teresa .

**March 31st. FAMILY MASS.**

All Readings and Offertory:

Pupils from school.

Bidding Prayers: Sandra D.

Eucharistic Ministry: Michael W. & Roger.

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

**ST GILES' LADIES GROUP QUIZ** £1 per sheet. £10 prize. All proceeds to our Lenten Charity: Aid to the Church in Need.

**SOWER - DIOCESAN MAGAZINE** Available at the back of Church. Please take a free copy.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR 2019-2020 ST GILES' & ST THOMAS'** are now available. Please take the box with your name on. If your tax status has changed or you have moved house, please inform the Parish Office. **If you pay income tax and do not currently gift aid your weekly offertory, please consider doing so.** For Tean, please contact Elaine Wilcox, and for Cheadle, Peter Lucas **or fill in one of the forms available by the envelopes.**

**THANK YOU CARDS FROM PAINSLY LOURDES' PILGRIMS** St Giles' & St Thomas' have received lovely cards from the students thanking us for your generosity and prayers.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 25TH-31ST MAY:** Anyone interested in going on the Pilgrimage or finding out more about it, please contact Piers James (Cheadle) or Keith Dawson (Tean). Booking forms are available.

**DIOCEAN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SAT MAY 11TH** Booking forms now available.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Mondays 2.00pm (refreshments from 1.45pm). Parish Room, Presbytery.

**RCIA/ JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Thursday 7.00pm, Parish Room, Presbytery.

**LENTEN CHARITY: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** supporting Christians suffering for their faith.

Contributions can be given to Fr Eric. A Second Collection will be taken on Palm Sunday (13th-14th April).

**LENT ECUMENICAL GROUP EVERY TUESDAY IN LENT 12 NOON CHEADLE METHODIST CHURCH:** final 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.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT:** St Thomas' Friday 6.00pm & Sunday 4.50pm; St Giles' Sunday 3.00pm.

**CHEADLE FOOD BANK:** Requirements please this week: **tinned vegetables (urgent)**, biscuits, tetrapak fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, male & female shower gel, male & female deodorants, adult toothbrushes. Thank you.

**Parish Finances:**

**St. Giles'**

Gift Aid: £197.50;

Non Gift Aid: £176.78;

Total: £374.28.

CAFOD: £570.55.

**St Thomas'**

Gift Aid: £103.00;

Non Gift Aid: £59.91;

Total: £162.91.

CAFOD: £164.72.

**Pope's Intentions for March**

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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

**Saturday 23 March**

Margaret Edwards

**Saturday 30 March**

Elizabeth Rushton

**Sunday 24 March**

Jinto Varghese

**Sunday 31 March**

FAMILY MASS

A full list of readers is available from the sacristy & on the Parish website– [stgilescheadle.org.uk](http://stgilescheadle.org.uk)

**CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:**

Beech Lodge:

8 April, 16 May & 20 June - All

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. \* Next meeting of S.V.P. is on Thursday April 4th at 6:30pm. \*