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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th & 18th August 2019

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Sick

Fred Brattley, Doreen Bennett, Ewan Macadam, Dorothy Swift, Josie Coates, Beryl Trowell, Doreen Cartlidge, Arthur Moulton, Joe Doyle, Lynn Kent, Winifred Booth, Jan Spooner, Nancy Dykes, Dylan Alcock, Jill Jarvis, Angie Macadam, Kathleen Lavan, Mary Webster, Andy Johnson, Kevin Mellor, Andrew Harrison, Ted Joyce, Beatrice Wright, George Lowe, Kathleen Horobin, Janice Street, Hiep Vu Nguyen, Fr Sandy Brown.

Rest in Peace

Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Whieldon all who have died recently and those with anniversaries falling at this time.

Please pray for those preparing to be married

Elizabeth Barry & Robert Miles

Saturday, 17 August: Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service Followed by Holy Rosary

Saturday, 17 August

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Private Intention

Sunday, 18 August

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30 am: Cheadle: Rosa Padayatt 5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

Monday, 19 August: Feria in Ordinary Time

9.15 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service

Tuesday, 20 August: Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention 10.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service 10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

Wednesday, 21 August: Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

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

Thursday, 22 August: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Friday, 23 August: Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr

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

Saturday, 24 August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

10.00 am: Cheadle: Eucharistic Service Followed by Holy Rosary

Saturday, 24 August

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (VIGIL)

5.00 pm: Cheadle: Andy Jackson

Sunday, 25 August

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10.30 am: Cheadle: Joseph Leyland 5.00 pm-5.20pm: Tean: Confessions 5.30 pm: Tean: Jean Dawson

Thought for the Week.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us in our second reading today that we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. Jesus encourages us to keep faithful to the life of faith which we struggle to live fully since sin so easily pulls us away from doing what is right. Jesus knew this - He, being fully human like us, experienced temptation. He knows how difficult it can be for us to keep on the right path all of the time. This is why he has given us the Holy Spirit to help us and to guide us. In all things Jesus is our example - He took a stance against sin when he died for us on the Cross and through His actions we know that it is possible to conquer sin. He gives us courage and hope. The psalmist cries out "Lord, come to my aid". In the first reading we see God's intervention to save Jeremiah from death. In the Gospel Jesus speaks of bringing fire to the earth. This fire is the Holy Spirit who Jesus sends to the world to keep the flame of faith alive in us. We do well to reflect on what we believe and what we celebrate and pray and on how we live out our faith every day. How often we need to pray the words of the psalm "O God, come to our aid. O Lord make haste to help us!"

LITURGY.

First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 Psalm: 39 Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4 Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

ST. THOMAS' TEAN.

1) Thank you to those parishioners who have been in contact over the church rotas for Reading, Offertory or Eucharistic Ministry. It is good to report that so many are able to participate within the Mass celebration. If you wish to be included then please inform John on 07927 919 728. We are in the middle of the main holiday season obviously and last weekend we had eleven regular volunteers unavailable. That is why we had a couple of people filling in!

2) There are two dates for which we would like volunteers. On Saturday, August 24th from 10am, we are having a practical session in our Canterbury Nature Garden. The recent warm, wet weather has led to an increase in growth and a working party has been arranged to tidy the garden with a view to it being ready for the new school year in September. The Nature available for children is amazing and we look forward to youngsters enjoying what the area has to offer.

The family and friends of Joe Leyland are joining us with a view to having a site within the garden for a small, token tribute to Joe. All welcome! Bring some tools, and yourself. We will provide refreshments during the session which will finish by 12 noon. Parking will be available on the main church/ school car park.

3) Sunday, September 15th sees the annual St. Thomas' Road Race, organised by the North Staffs Road Runners Association in conjunction with St. Thomas' school, PTA. For a number of years now we have organised the refreshments at this event and it has been very profitable for parish funds. We provide the cakes and then sell them to the runners and their families. Actually, the runners pay in advance so we are guaranteed £x.

For once, I do not have to write "make some cakes, come along on the day and then buy the same cakes you have baked....."

4) Helen Kelly reckons that her recent win on the Parishes' lottery will not necessarily change her way of life. She will still speak to us and she will still shop at the same outlets. Actually, Helen's massive 5 figure win (if you count the amount in pence!) was the inspiration for others to pay for the remaining part of this year. Any others, see John with the £1 per month donation.

THERE ARE NO REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS TODAY.,

FUNERAL MASS: ELIZABETH MARY (BETTY) WHIELDON RIP Thurs 29 Aug 11.30am, St Giles'. Reception into Church Wed 28 Aug 5.00pm.

ST GILES' EXTERIOR PROJECT

We are trying to put together a project to tidy up and landscape the outside space surrounding St Giles'. This would involve the removal of many of the large trees, shrubs and hedges which obscure the views of 'Pugin's gem' and obstruct free movement around the site.

We are also considering how we could incorporate a permanent ramp to aid access into church.

For this project to go ahead we need to put a convincing argument to the Historical Churches Committee of the Archdiocese. As part of our evidence base it would be good to be able to demonstrate that the trees, hedges etc are a modern (and now inappropriate) feature, which need replacing with a better planting scheme.

Do you have any old photographs that might help us? Maybe family Christenings or Weddings? Corpus Christi processions or similar?

If you do, please let us have copies, or we could take copies and return the originals to you. If you are able to scan the images they can be emailed to stgiles.rc@talk21.com or physical copies can be dropped into the Parish office. Many thanks.

DIOCESAN MAGAZINE: THE SOWER: FREE Please take copies from the back of Church

ST THOMAS' DAY NURSERY, TEAN The repair work currently in progress on the Nursery has revealed **serious structural problems**. Unfortunately this will **increase the cost of the work very considerably**.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP SUMMER BREAK:

First Meeting after the Summer Break: Monday, 2nd September 2.00pm Parish Room.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SUMMER BREAK:

Children's Liturgy re-starts Sunday, September 8th 10.30 am Mass.

PARISH LOTTERY: July's winner is Helen Kelly (Tean) who wins £88.

THANKS TO: Bp David McGough, Fr Simon Stephens, & Fr Paul Whieldon for celebrating Masses this weekend.

ST THOMAS' MASS RESPONSIBILITIES

Aug 18; All Readings- Sandra D; Bidding Prayers- Frank; Offertory- Margaret & Mary; Eucharistic Ministry- Keith & Michael L.

Aug 25; All Readings- Natasha Alcock; Bidding Prayers- John S.; Offertory- Dreda plus friend; Eucharistic Ministry- Teresa & Sandra D.

The new rota will commence on Sunday, September 1st.

Parish Finances:

St. Giles'

Gift Aid: £244.90;
Non Gift Aid: £184.53;
Total: £429.53.

St. Thomas'

Gift Aid: £;
Non Gift Aid: £;
Total: £.

Pope's Intentions for August

Families, Schools of Human Growth.

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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

Saturday 17 August

Elizabeth Rushton

Saturday 24 August

Tony Lovatt

Sunday 18 August

Piers James

Sunday 25 August

Gordon Shaw

CARE HOMES HYMN SERVICES:

Beech Lodge:

Thursday, 19 September at 2.30 pm.

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. * The next meeting is on Thursday, 12 September at 6.30 pm. *