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**TWENTY– FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th & 25th 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 Jervis,  
 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 to be baptised  
 and their families**

Esme Elizabeth Carrol Bickerton  
 Sophie Ella Bessex

**Please pray for those preparing  
 to be married**

Elizabeth Barry & Robert Miles

**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– 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions  
 5.30 pm: Tean: Jean Dawson

**Monday, 26 August: Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi,**

**Priest, Religious**

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention  
 11.00 am: Cheadle: Bernard & Helen Lowndes

**Tuesday, 27 August: Memorial of St Monica**

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention  
 10.00 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Jonathan & Judith Davison  
 10.30 am: Cheadle: Exposition

**Wednesday, 28 August: Memorial of St Augustine,**

**Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

9.15 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Muriel  
 9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention  
 5.00 pm: Reception into church: Elizabeth Whieldon RIP

**Thursday, 29 August: Memorial of the Beheading of Saint**

**John the Baptist, Martyr**

9.15 am: Tean: Celebrant's Intention  
 11.30 am: Cheadle: Funeral Mass: Elizabeth Whieldon RIP

**Friday, 30 August: Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr**

6.00 pm: Tean: Holy Rosary  
 6.30 pm: Tean: Intentions of Fr Sandy Brown

**Saturday, 31 August: Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**

10.00 am: Cheadle: Olivett Kelly  
 Followed by Exposition & Holy Rosary  
 10.30am-11.00 am: Cheadle: Confessions

12.30 pm: Cheadle: Wedding Service:  
 Elizabeth Barry & Robert Miles

**Saturday, 31 August**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST GILES (VIGIL) - PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

4.30 pm– 4.50 pm: Cheadle : Confessions  
 5.00 pm: Cheadle: Tom & Maisie Hackett

**Sunday, 1 September**

**SOLEMNITY OF ST GILES - PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

10.30 am: Cheadle: Intentions of Fr Sandy Brown  
 11.45am: Cheadle : Holy Baptism

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AT TEAN**

5.00 pm– 5.20 pm: Tean: Confessions  
 5.30 pm: Tean: People of the Parishes

**Thought for the Week.**

Today we are reminded of the need to submit ourselves to God's loving discipline, remembering that it is not just Jews, nor will it be just Christians whom the Lord will gather to Himself. Many, more worthy than us, will share in the banquet in His Kingdom. Our first reading confirms this for us. In the second reading, from the letter to the Hebrews, we are further reminded that when the Lord corrects us we should take it seriously because He trains those He loves. Struggle in our life of faith should be expected. We are called to be holy but Jesus never said it would be easy! In fact, in today's Gospel, He tells us that we should try our best to 'enter by the narrow door' – by this He means we should strive to follow Him in all things. He acknowledges, however, that many who try will not succeed. He knows that we will fail. What is important is that we try, and keep on trying. We don't know when we will come face to face with the Lord. We need to be ready so that, when He asks us to give an account of our lives, we can and His response will not be – 'I do not know who you are' but rather a welcome with open arms. This is His will – He made us to be with Him for all eternity. Let us make our prayer today – Listen Lord and answer me. Save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord for I call to you all the day long.

**LITURGY.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21**

**Psalms: 116**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13**

**Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30**

## 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.

### 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](mailto:stgiles.rc@talk21.com) or physical copies can be dropped into the Parish office. Many thanks.

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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.

### 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

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

#### **Saturday 24 August**

Tony Lovatt

#### **Saturday 31 August**

Byron Hammersley

#### **Sunday 25 August**

Gordon Shaw

#### **Sunday 1 September**

Angela Mortlock

### **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."

### **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. \*