

*St. Thomas', Tean St. Giles', Cheadle St. Wilfrid's, Cotton*

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 14/15th Jan 2012 Year B; Psalter: Week 2**

**'Here I am Lord I come to do your will'**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**

4.30pm Confessions  
5.00 pm (Cheadle) James and Mary Jane Harrison

**Sunday**

15th 10.30 am (Cheadle) People of the Parishes  
3.00 pm Extraordinary Rite in Latin  
5.30 pm (Tean) Druscilla & Leslie Johnson

**Monday: Feria**

16th 9.15 am (Cheadle) Ints P Barthelemy  
9.15am (Tean) Special Intention  
2.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Tuesday :Memorial: St Anthony Abbot**

9.15 (Tean) Special Intention  
17th 9.30 (Cheadle) Downie Family. NB

**Wednesday: Feria: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins**

18th 9.15 am (Tean) Jim Leonard  
9.15 am (Cheadle) Holy Souls (In House)

**Thursday :FEAST: St Wulstan of Worcester:**

9,15(Tean) Holy Souls  
19th 9.15 am ( Cheadle) St Giles School Mass (In School)  
Special Intention  
6pm (Cheadle) Priest's Intention

**Friday: Feria: (Sts Fabian & Sebastian)**

9.15 (Cheadle) Holy Souls: (in house)  
20th 6.30 pm (Tean) Special Intention

**Saturday: Memorial ; St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

21st 10.00 am (Cheadle) Priest's Intention  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00 am  
10.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**

4.30pm Confessions  
5.00 pm (Cheadle) Sargeant Family

**Sunday**

22nd 10.30 am (Cheadle) People of the Parishes  
5.30 pm (Tean) Holy Souls

The Holy Father's Mission Intention : January

Dedication to Peace.

That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

**LITURGY**

1st Reading :Samuel 3 3-10 19 Psalm 39  
2nd Reading : 1 Cor. 6 3-15 17-20 Gospel : John 1 35-42

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Each Wednesday: Journey into Faith: 7,30 in Parish Room  
21st. February: Finance Committee at 11.30  
22nd. February: ASH WEDNESDAY  
23rd February: PARISHES FORUM at 6.45pm in the Parish Room  
2nd April: Property & Maintenance at Cheadle at 6pm.

**Please pray for the sick:**

Dom Dyfrig Harris, Fr. Ken Collins, Fr. Tom O'Connor, Fr. Joe McKenna, Canon Gerry Hanlon, Fr. Peter Rogers, Christine Burnett, Alban Burton, Freddie Dwyer, Winifred Birch, Janet Daniels, Veronica Arnold, David Routledge, Alan Hodgson, Michael Phillips, Barbara-Anne Nash, Cara Plant, Elsie Brehenny, John O'Leary, Sheila Murray, Edna Carr, Geoffrey Brown, Dorothy Swift, Marion Pilling, Pam Howfield, Pat Ryan, Ellen Thompson, Ron Mawer, Josie Coates. Alan Johnson, Isabel Finney, Chris Keates. John O'Callaghan, Beryl Trowell, Beatty Gilbert, John Bowler, Pat Barthelemy, Beryl Dean, Jill Jervis, Gladys Collier.

**Rest in Peace**

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

O God, you call us daily to arise and follow Christ the Lord. Awaken us from whatever lethargy holds us back from listening; share us from the deadly sleep of sin. May Christ, your Word and our Light, lead us in the ways of life. We ask this in the name of the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Thought for the Week**

Today's readings relate to God's call. In the gospel Jesus invites John's disciples to follow him. St John's gospel gives us a different account of the calling of the disciples – here Jesus invites Andrew to go with him and Andrew brings Simon with him. The way Jesus calls his followers is unimportant; what matters is that they freely respond to his invitation. They are open to his message and listen carefully to what he teaches, just as Samuel did in the first reading.

God calls Samuel by name. Jesus calls his disciples in the same way and he calls each of us by name too. In the Mass we listen to what he has to say and we respond firstly in our declaration of faith and renewal of our baptismal promises as we pray the Creed and then in our offering of ourselves in union with the offering of Christ on the cross in the Eucharist to the glory of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus says to each of us, "This is my body, which is given up for you," and we respond by offering our own body to him so that when we are sent out at the end of Mass with the instruction to, "go in peace, to love and serve the Lord," we may be able to fulfil our mission as his witnesses.

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday: 5.00 p.m. at Cheadle  
Sunday: 10.30: at Cheadle  
5.30 at Tean .

### St. Thomas of Canterbury

Well, Christmas came and Christmas has gone now for another year. Like in our homes, it took a while to gather all the decorations up and to collect all the spent holly and tree. The three wise men had no sooner arrived at our crib in the lady chapel than they were being packed up into their storage shelf upstairs. It hardly seemed worth loading up the camels!

The new rotas and lists are ready for the new year but can we encourage anyone who feels they could read at mass or would like to officiate as a Eucharistic Minister to leave your name at the back of church.

The same goes for any of the multitude of jobs in and around church which need tackling. Anything from fortnightly church sweeping-up to helping with countless little tasks on a "when can do" basis. Again, please let us know what. At the moment the tasks are falling on a few willing volunteers who would appreciate some help.. don't be shy. You will not be turned down!

### Sacramental Preparation:

Following our parents' meeting on Thursday, it is the turn of children from St. Thomas' to receive a special blessing, as they make a commitment to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. This we are celebrating with joy this Sunday evening at 5.30.

### **CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS**

For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

**RED BOXES:** Many thanks to all Red Box Holders. In the parishes £630 was collected during 2011.

**The Year of PUGIN:** Please note: This coming Thursday, 19th January at 9pm, BBC 4 will be presenting a programme, called God's own Architect. It will feature our own Church, among other buildings. A few months ago, footage was shot in the Church. It should be good. I am grateful to the Producer for letting us know.

**SV.P.** Those in need of help should contact Adrian Hackett on 752081 The Society meets monthly on a Tuesday evening.

**Week of Prayer for CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 January.** It begins on Wednesday. The theme is 'We will all be changed' You will find prayer sheets at Church for daily prayer. They will be quite a challenge. A UNITED SERVICE will be held on Sunday, 29th January at 4pm in the Methodist Church, to celebrate Christian Unity Week even though it is after the actual week range.

**N. STAFFS DEANERY:** We met this week in the company of Bishop David and Canon Tim Menezes, the Vicar General. The main issue was the Pastoral Care of our parishes in the present situation, which is really no different from elsewhere in the diocese

- 1) By the end of the month, there will be three parishes without a resident priest at the moment. They are Goldenhill / Kidsgrove, Biddulph/ Packmoor and Alton. Fr. Julian Booth, Fr. David Newell and Fr. Paul Smith are being reassigned for good pastoral reasons. They cannot be replaced immediately as we do not have the men. Obviously, reorganising parishes will be part of the issue.
- 2) For the moment we shall need to cope with Masses. In consultation with Bishop David and the VG, only one Mass of the Sunday Obligation can be provided in each church, and the Dean will be responsible for organising this. At Alton, it will be at 6pm on Saturday from the start of February. Clearly, this will be pattern when this happens elsewhere. The difficulty of providing even this should not be underestimated. Please pray earnestly for vocations.
- 3) PASTORAL LETTER: Archbishop Bernard will be writing to the whole diocese on the weekend of 18/19 February. The future will be interesting and challenging. Pastoral care will call on more lay involvement. As for Mass times, they cannot be at everyone's convenience. I should have thought that the main priority would be to have Mass.

There is a story going round of the person who remarked: If I do not have Mass at the time I have always had it I shall not go! Sadly, this does not say very much about love for Our Lord, the Mass and Our Lady! Would the Faith really matter to such a person? I hope it is fictitious!

**PARISHES' FORUM:** It seems best to arrange the Forum for Thursday, 23rd February at 6.45 pm in the Parish Room at Cheadle. Mass will be at 6. The Pastoral Letter would have been read the previous weekend, we should have some idea about finances.

**PARISHES' LOTTERY:** It operates with and for the benefit of St. Giles', St. Wilfred's, as one united Parish Lottery. The Lottery is drawn on the last Sunday of each month and costs £1 a month (£12 per year). Half the money taken is given as prizes and the other half goes to Parish funds. The more members we have, the more prizes are offered and so parish funds gain. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact the promoter, Mrs. Janet Milward on 756334. If you are joining and would like to pay by cheque, please make it payable to St. Giles RC Church. Your support of this venture really does help our reduced resources. Please help!

### **CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

#### **Diocesan Intentions**

Peace on earth # Christian Unity # The sick and those who care for them # Students and teachers # The unemployed.

#### **Pope's General Intention: January**

. That the victims of **natural disasters** may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

#### **Prayer Services in Residential Homes**

Beech Lodge: to be arranged  
Church Terrace: as indicated soon  
Daisy Bank : as indicated soon.

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** -

every two months on Mondays at 7.30pm at the Presbytery, Next meeting: 6th February 2012

#### **North Staffs Walsingham Association**

Mass and AGM in English Martyrs, Biddulph on Tuesday, 24th January at 7.30pm

#### **Staffordshire Moorlands Cancer**

**Support Group:** Contact Ron on 752266 or Diane on 750485 (I have further information)

#### **Readers St Giles**

Please note that if you are unable to attend please find a substitute reader.

14th Jan L Weaver Sun S Peck  
21st Jan J Blackburn Sun P James

**Book of Remembrance:** It is our turn again to enshrine this Book in our Church this year. It is now in place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel alongside our own case of Remembrance. You are most welcome to open it and turn the pages. Keep them in your prayers,

**DAYS OF RECOLLECTION:** They have resumed. Ring Fr. David on 07765 931126

#### **Parish Finances**

St Giles': £483.50 gift aid £220.70

St Thomas' £284.22 gift aid £156.00

**Choir Practice** Thursday 19th January after evening Mass

#### **Birmingham, Catholic Youth Service:**

**ACTIVITY DAY:** This coming Saturday, 21st January. Shugborough Outdoor Centre, nr. Stafford. £15 per person. Contact Peter Lucas on 07971 643 648 See [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk) for a booking form.