

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



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## First Sunday in Lent 20th/21st Feb 2010 Year C; Psalter: Week 1

### 'Be with me, O Lord in my distress'

#### First Sunday of Lent : Year C

4.30 Confessions  
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Alec Fearn

#### SUNDAY

21st 8.30 am (Cotton) Priest's Intention  
 10.30 am (Cheadle) People of the Parishes  
 3pm. (Cheadle) Extraordinary Rite.  
 4pm (Cheadle) Stations of the Cross  
 4.50 (Tean) Stations of the Cross.  
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

#### HCPT Collection

*to take Handicapped children to Lourdes*

#### Monday: Feast: Chair of St Peter

22nd 9.15 (Cheadle) Tess Bold

#### Tuesday: Lenten Feria

23rd 9.15 (Tean) Peter Grealish  
 10.00am (Cheadle) Intention of Piers James.  
 2.15 (Tean) St Thomas' School Mass

#### Wednesday : Lenten Feria

24th 9.15 (Cheadle) Eucharistic Service/Mass  
 10.30 *Faber* Joe Prince

#### Thursday : Lenten Feria

25th 9.15 am (Tean) Denis O Reilly  
 9.15 am (Cheadle) St Giles' School Mass  
 6.00 pm (Cheadle) Harry & Sarah Brown.

#### Friday: Lenten Feria: CAFOD FAST DAY:

26th 6.30 pm (Tean) James Finnegan (Stations beforehand)

#### Saturday : Lenten Feria

27th 10.00 am (Cheadle) Mass Priest's Intention  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00 am  
 10.30 Confessions

#### Second Sunday of Lent : Year C

4.30 Confessions  
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) People of the Parishes

#### SUNDAY

28th 8.30 am (Cotton) Frances Byatt  
 10.30 am (Cheadle) Priest's Intention  
 3.00pm (Cheadle) Stations of the Cross  
 4.50 (Tean) Stations of the Cross.  
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

#### Second Collection: CAFOD FAST DAY.

#### The Holy Father's Mission Intention:: February

That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel".

#### LITURGY

1st Reading : Dueteronomy 26 4-10 Psalm : 90

2nd Reading: Romans 10 8-13 Gospel : Luke 4 1-23

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

25th February: GUILD HALL MEETING  
 (10.30 JOINT FINANCE MEETING  
 (11.30) in the Parish Room. :  
Choir Practice Feb 25th Mar 4th 11th 18th  
 and 25th  
 CONFIRMATION: Monday, 15th March at  
 7pm in St..Giles.

#### Please pray for the sick:

Canon Peter Taylor Fr John Bentley, Fr. Tom O'Connor, Fr. John Berry, Fr. Paul Devaney, Fr. Frank Rowe, Catherine Malkin, Pat Balfour, Christine Burnett, Alban Burton, Nancy Hammond, Freddie Dwyer, Winifred Birch, Janet Daniels, Margaret Allen, Veronica Arnold, Richard Brown, David Routledge, Alan Hodgson, Michael Phillips, Drusilla Johnson, Margaret Gallagher, Mary Robertson, Barbara-Anne Nash, Cara Plant , Lucy Mundy, Josie Martin , Maisie Brough, Elsie Brehenny, Priscilla Huxley Jack Hammond, Philip Johnson, Peter Stemstron, John O'Leary, Dave Woolridge, Sheila Murray, John Healey, , Edna Carr Danny Conroy , Frank Cunningham, Geoffrey Brown, Geoffrey Clewlaw, Richard Butler.

#### Rest in Peace

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

#### Prayer for our Lenten Journey

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we go about our lives, the press of our duties and activities often leads us to forget your presence and your love. We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to those who were baptised into your Son. In this holy season, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you. Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives with your grace. Help us to remember that we are sinners but even more, help us to remember your loving mercy. As we live through this Lenten journey may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to you Son. May our worship and prayer and penitence be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent . Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

#### Thought for the Week

The Gospel relates the Temptations of Jesus which takes place immediately after His baptism in the Jordan. He is filled with the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father has just declared his mission. The baptism of Jesus is a clear action of the Trinity for in it the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are clearly identifiable. Now the Spirit leads Jesus into a time of prayer and preparation for his ministry. The Spirit gives him the strength to resist the temptation to turn his back on the will of the Father. The three temptations are very real to Jesus who is hungry and weak. They also have a symbolic meaning. In the first temptation Jesus is faced with doing things his way and not in obedience to the Father much as man did in the beginning when disobedience brought sin and death into the world. Jesus knows that this is not the way he is to choose. He has a choice to make and he chooses the way of God. The second temptation offers him a way to become the ruler of nations without the pain of His passion and death. Again, strengthened by the Spirit, Jesus chooses the right path and acknowledges the greatness of God. The third temptation looks to seek reassurance that the choices made are what God wants by testing Him and bargaining with Him. Jesus knows that faith and child-like trust are important. Trust is important in any relationship and our relationship with God is no different. We are to have the same trust and faith in God and to seek to make the right choices. Jesus needs prayer and fasting in order to open his heart and mind to God and to enable him to make the right choices. We need to do the same and Lent is an excellent opportunity for us to enter more deeply into prayer and self-denial. Let us make a good start.

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5.00 p.m. at Cheadle  
 Sunday: 8.30 at Cotton,  
 10.30: at Cheadle  
 5.30 at Tean .

## St. Thomas' News

### St. Thomas' Car-parking

Please would you take care to use the Car Park on Parklands Rd. when coming to Weekend Masses, as far as possible.

1. As a parish we spent "shed-loads" of money on creating the car-park (which doubles up as a playground in school time). We also ensured that the paths and hand-rails were recently repaired for everyone's benefit.
2. We try to keep the very small space at church for people who have a mobility problem. They are our priority and sometimes there is not the space for them when others park there. It is a fact of life that there are more than ever in this category.
3. Parking in St. Thomas' Road is a bit dodgy at the moment especially when you look at the pot-holes and surface. Very soon the County Council will be commencing on a massive road project in the village and there will be serious restrictions on the roads. We will not be able to park (or even stop) in St. Thomas' Road for the duration of the work (which will last over 4 months). It might be better to park up safe and sound on our car-park, and have peace of mind.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer:

The annual Service in Tean will take place at Gorsy Hill Chapel on Friday, 5th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Fairtrade Goods: Our next sale at St. Thomas' Church will be on Sunday, 28th. February after the 5.30pm Mass

Parish Lent Group Meetings will be based on *CaFE* Life to the Full bringing the Bible alive and will take place in the Parish Room on Thursday Feb 25th Mar 4th 11th 18th and 25th from 7.00—8.30 pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION every two months on Mondays at 7.30pm at the Presbytery, Next time: 12 April.

CTC (Cheadle, Tean, Cotton) Youth Club The youth club is held monthly on Fridays 7.30—9.00 pm: the 8-11s is in St Giles, school hall and 11-14s in the Connolly Room

Parish Lottery: Thank You to everyone who has joined or rejoined the **parish lottery**. We would like to encourage others to join as half the proceeds go to parish funds. Contact either Janet Milward 756334 (Cheadle) or Tony Scheuber 722130(Tean)

Walsingham Trip Saturday 8th May 2010, will be the 25th Anniversary!

Alton Castle Retreat Weekend: for young people *in school years 5-9*. It takes place on 12—14 March at a cost of £65 per person inc. food and board. There will be a chance to meet others from Staffs parishes with many activities in the Churnet valley. Contact Peter Lucas on 0791 643 648

Women's World Day of Prayer service in Cheadle is at the Methodist Church at 2pm. on Friday March 5th. Speaker Mrs. Anne Cummings.

## LENT 2010:

LENTEN PROGRAMME: You can start with MASS—coming more often as you can. Then there are *Stations of the Cross*. Full details in the Weekly Programme. The three items: Prayer, Fasting/ Self-Denial and almsgiving must always be there. We must learn to be generous, as Jesus was generous! You can always drop into church to spend time in prayer. In Tean, there is an Ecumenical Programme on Wednesdays. On Tuesdays, in the New Life Centre (the former Bethel), there is a Lent Course on Tuesdays at 12. Throughout Lent, on Thursdays in our Parish Room from 7 to 8.30. we have our own **PARISH LENT GROUP. All welcome.**

CAFOD FAST DAY: falls this coming Friday, 26th February. The special envelopes will be available next weekend, which are very attractive. Don't forget to gift aid your contribution. *Give it up to transform someone's life.* Lent is a time when many of us choose to give something up as a reflection of our faith. This year, why not turn whatever you are giving up into a lasting change for a child, a family or a whole community? *That is the challenge.*

WALK with ME: There are still some booklets left (£1 is you can), along with the special calendars. Please use them.

2nd Collection 20/21 February, this weekend, at all Masses for local HCPT Group 20. As usual we are hoping to take 8 Children to Lourdes at Easter, including 2 Children from Cheadle. The fare for one child is £700. Please be generous. Thank you for your support. Candle cards will be available

#### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 29th May—4th June.

We are still awaiting the brochures and full details of travel, which are available from Keith Dawson, if I have not got them. These days, it is no longer as cheap as it was. But it would be good if a number of parish people could go. *Hannah Smith* thanks you for helping her. If you were not prepared last weekend, do please contact her (or her parents) on 703463. You can hand in envelopes into the Parish Office, should you so wish.

Painsley & Lourdes: They will be holding a Coffee morning and cake stall at all Masses on Sunday, 7th March. It is good to support the young.

YEAR for PRIESTS: Each day is allotted to a priest or seminarian throughout the year. Part 2 of the list is now available as a blue coloured leaflet. Please take yours to-day.

NEW YOUTH PRAYER GROUP: This has been founded for our Deanery. It will take place at Our Lady and St. Werburgh, Clayton (Seabridge Lane ST5 4AG). Next meeting: , 21st March—Sunday 6.30 –7.30. For further information contact Peter Lucas on 07971 643648.

#### CYCLE OF PRAYER in LENT:

Please pray for Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, the Needy and Hungry of the World, Penitents and Wanderers

#### Pope Benedict's General Prayer Intention for February

That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to prepare themselves better to serve society

#### Churches Together in Cheadle & District:

Beech Lodge Feb 18th., March 18th all at 2.00  
Church Terrace Feb 19th March 19th all at 3.30 pm  
Daisy Bank Feb 24th March 30th all at 2.00 pm You would be very welcome to take part for any details please contact Mary Blunt on 757464

Ecumenical Lent Course is 'When I survey Christ's Cross and Ours' at Cheadle New Life Centre (Bethel) on Tuesdays in Lent 12.00 noon Hot drinks will be provided but bring your own lunch. 1 donation per session to cover costs. First session is Darkness at noon

Fairtrade Fortnight is Feb 23rd-Mar 7th there will be events in Cheadle including St Giles Stall Mar 6/7th Fairtrade Coffee Morning Cheadle Fellowship Church Feb 27th 10.30 am

Guild hall Meeting 25th Feb @ The Parish Room, Cheadle 10.30am

Joint Finance Meeting 25th Feb The Parish Room, @ 11.30am

#### COMMUNION from the CHALICE.

Following on from other parishes, *I intend to offer Communion under both kinds in all our parishes from the First Sunday in March (7th)* You will remember that Bishop McGough thought it prudent in the Summer to withdraw its use at the time For St. Giles: *new lists are now available in Sacristy/Church*

Children's Liturgy The *next* one this year is on Sunday, February 28th

S.V.P. Those in need of help should contact Adrian Hackett on 752081.

#### Readers St Giles

Please note that if you are unable to attend please find a *substitute reader*. You will have your list, but we shall try to print readers a few weeks ahead, to make life easier!

Feb 13th Sat M Edwards	Sun G. Shaw
Feb 20th Izaak Bailey	Sun J. Downie
Feb 27th B Hammersley	Sun S Peck
March 6th J Blackburn	Sun FAMILY MASS

Please note that we are short on Saturday evenings. *Can you help?*

#### Parish Finances

St Giles: £588.96 gift aid £356.65

St Thomas' £172.01 gift aid £92.50

St Wilfrid's £130.45; Gift Aid: £79.00.

ASH WEDNESDAY Offering at St. Giles' Masses: just over £60 for Fr. Antony's Project.