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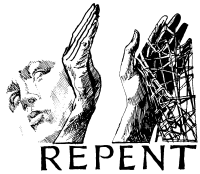
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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st/22nd January 2012 Year B; Psalter: Week 3**

**'Lord make me know your ways'**

**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

Monday: Feria (Octave of Christian Unity)  
23rd 9.15am (Tean) T Austin & Croft Family  
1 pm Funeral Mass: Liz Wood RIP.

Tuesday :Memorial: St Frances de Sales  
9.15 (Tean ) Bill Flaherty  
24th 10.00 am (Cheadle) Josie Martin

Wednesday: **FEAST: Conversion of St Paul**  
25th 9.15 am (Cheadle) Vince Helm  
6.30 pm (Tean) Jim Leonard

Thursday : Memorial: Sts Timothy and Titus  
26th 9,15(Tean) Holy Souls

Friday: Feria: (St Angela Merici)  
27th 6.30 pm (Tean) Margaret Coyle

Saturday: Memorial : St Thomas Aquinas  
28th 10.00 am (Cheadle) Eucharistic Service.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00 am  
10.30 NO Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

4.30pm Confessions  
5.00 pm (Cheadle) Priest's Intention

Sunday  
29th 10.30 am (Cheadle) Priest's Intention  
4.00 pm Unity Service Cheadle Methodist Church  
5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

This coming weekend, we welcome Fr. Denis O'Connor who will be making an appeal on behalf of the APF. There will be NO Second Collection (Praise be!), but he will be asking tyou to take on a red box!

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: Jonah 3 1-5 10 Psalm 24

2nd Reading : 1 Cor. 7 29-31 Gospel : Mark 1 14-20

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Each Wednesday: Journey into Faith: 7,30 in Parish Room  
21st. February: Finance Committee at 11.30 Guild Hall: 10.00-  
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 Dyfrigg 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**

Liz Wood, Fr. Gregory Winterton (Birmingham Oratory), Sheila Bowler who have died recently and those with anniversaries, falling at this time.

O God, you reign in love and light in that future into which you have called us in Jesus Christ. May we whom you have named your own serve you in love and light during our days on earth, that we may rejoice with you through all eternity, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

**Thought for the Week**

In both our Old Testament reading and the Gospel today we have the call to repent. It is a call which continues throughout history. Jonah is sent to Nineveh to preach to the people that they had fallen from favour and needed to repent or they would be destroyed. John the Baptist proclaimed the need for repentance and believe in the God News – that God is close by to redeem his people. In each of these accounts the people believe the proclamation and repent – Nineveh is saved and the open and repentant of Israel are redeemed by Christ. The fishermen leave everything and follow the itinerant preacher – Jesus and will later proclaim the need for repentance and for following Christ's way. In some ways it sounds a little too neat, to idyllic. How would you react if a stranger landed in Cheadle and began telling everyone that the end had come unless we change our ways! How do we react when we see those in Hanley and other towns preaching in the street? Why were Jonah and John different? Only God knows the answer. He sends preachers and prophets to bring back his creation into right relationship with him. As the Psalmist says – "He shows the path to those who stray" but we have to recognise that we have strayed and want to return before he can act. We, like those in Nineveh and Israel have the freedom to choose. Jesus calls each of us to follow him. We either repent, which means a total turning around; turning our backs on the things which cause us to sin, and accept his invitation or we ignore it. The decision is ours; the call to us today is the same as that by John at the Jordan – "Repent and believe the Good News – the kingdom and God is close at hand"



**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday: 5.00 p.m. at Cheadle

Sunday: 10.30: at Cheadle

5.30 at Tean .

### St. Thomas of Canterbury

I'm sure that truth be told over the years, we've all gone to the occasional party which didn't quite measure up to expectations for one reason or another. Coming away we may have muttered quietly to our nearest and dearest " Well that was a rubbish party..."

Now you have the opportunity to re-enact this by coming to church next Thursday morning (Jan 26th.) after morning mass. We seem to have accumulated a fair amount of junk, trash or rubbish and we feel it's time to get rid. We/ re meeting up, having a coffee, couple of scones and with the help of Rob's trailer having one almighty clear-out. In short, it's a Rubbish Party! All welcome, dress optional, refreshments provided and black bags. Just bring yourself and a pair of gloves.

For a few years now we, at St.Thomas' have joined with our sister parishes of St. Giles' and St. Wilfrid's to promote the parishes' lottery. We combine the takings, combine the prizes and together we can offer a little bit more than just going it alone. It's £1 per month or you can (great advantage to us) pay the whole year in one go. It's up to you. We will be collecting the money from this Sunday. Statistically there is a greater chance of your winning our lottery than the national lottery. Another fact is that you really would not want to win a colossal amount now, would you? You wouldn't want to change your life style. think of all the stress and pressure that would bring! Do yourself a big favour Sign up today with your parish lottery. You know it make sense.

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

**DAY:** Friday, 27th January. Let's put an end to discrimination and hatred. Together, let's speak out against oppression and challenge injustice. We ask God to help us build His Kingdom, here on earth, where all people are accepted, respected and loved. We ask God to help us to stand up for what we know to be right and give us the courage to speak out against all that harms our people and our world. Amen.

**RED BOXES:** Many thanks to all Red Box Holders. In the parishes £630 was collected during 2011. Note the visit of Fr. Denis O'Connor next weekend.

**The Year of PUGIN:** I hope that you managed to see the programme: God's own Architect! I am sure that there will be many presentations on Pugin in the months ahead.

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

**DAYS OF RECOLLECTION:** They have resumed. Ring Fr. David on 07765 93112  
**Staffordshie Moorlands Cancer Support Group:** Contact Ron on 752266 or Diane on 750485 (I have further information)

**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 are quite a challenge. A UNITED SERVICE will be held on Sunday, 29th January at 4pm next weekend in the Methodist Church, to celebrate Christian Unity Week even though it is after the actual week range .

**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. More again next weekend.

**APF Mill Hill MISSION APPEAL:** At all Masses next weekend, we welcome Fr. Denis O'Connor MHM, who will appeal on behalf of the MILL HILL Red Box Mission. This appeal is not for money but for parishioners to take a Red Mission Box. The APF or Association for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in Lyons in 1822 and the money raised helps all of the 1069 mission territories in the world to provide pastoral care and spread the Gospel effectively. To take a box and fill with money is to live out our missionary vocation and to take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. Do please consider taking a mission box.

**Archbishop Bernard Longley:** marks 9 years as a bishop on Tuesday (He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster on 24 January 2003) by coming to Painsley, where he will celebrate Mass at 11.30. Welcome to our area and our school!

### **A Pastoral Message from Fr. Sandy.**

I am grateful for the wisdom and guidance of our Vicar General, Canon Timothy Menezes, in drawing up this message to you..

As you may be aware, Bede Walsh will appear in court in Stoke-on-Trent this week. There will inevitably be media coverage which we may all find difficult.

The only statement that can be made at the moment is:

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has co-operated fully with the Police and will continue to do so. As this matter is now the subject of legal proceedings it is not possible or appropriate for the Archdiocese to make any further comment at this time.

My own counsel is to ask you to do something special, and rely on the power of prayer. My own practice will be to say the Rosary each day, giving a little time for this. I shall be praying for everyone.

As the Psalmist puts it: If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff. With these you give me comfort. Surely your goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life Ps.23

If you feel that it would be of help to talk to someone about the situation please contact our Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Jane Jones on: 0121 230 6240 during Office hours or on 07976516629

### **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:19th Jan 23rd Feb Thurs at 2.15 pm Church Terrace: 17th Feb 16 Mar Fri at 3.30 p.m

Daisy Bank : 25th Jan 29th Feb 4th April Weds at 2.00 pm

**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

**LITTLE White Envelopes:** There seems to be a difficulty with some people in getting a packet. If so, let me or the Office have your name, so that we can fix it for you..

### **Readers St Giles**

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

21st Jan	J Blackburn	Sun P James
28th Jan	H Lowndes	Sun S Glass
4th Feb	J Blackburn	Sun FAMILY MASS
11th Feb	H Lowndes	Sun M Downie

**LIZ WOOD** died suddenly last Sunday. Our prayer goes for her with Ray and his boys. On Monday, we celebrate her Requiem Mass at 1.Many have been speaking of her multi-presence in our community, our own schools especially. There was a lot of love around. Keep her in your prayers. RIP.

**Fr.David Hartley** of Cresswell and the Painsley Chaplain, asks your prayers for the repose of the soul of his mother-in-law, Sheila Bowler in Canada. Pat, his wife, had gone home to care for her sick brother, only to find that her mother became terminally ill. As the family over there is not deeply faith linked, please be generous with your prayers. RIP.

### **Parish Finances**

St Giles': £443.47 gift aid £225.70

St Thomas' £ n/a gift aid £ n/a