

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



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24/25th July 2010 Year C; Psalter: Week 1

'On the day I called you answered me O Lord'

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: C

4.30 pm (Cheadle) Confessions
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Charles Jordan

Sunday 25th
 8.30 am (Cotton) People of the Parishes
 10.30 am (Cheadle) David Pointon
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

Second Collection: ' DAY FOR life'

Monday: Memorial St Joachim and St Anne, Parents of Our Lady
 26th 9.00 am (Tean) Emilie Davey
 9.15 am (Cheadle) Ints F Tunney
 2pm (Cheadle) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 6.30:(Cheadle) Reception of Body (Maisie Brough)

Tuesday: Feria
 27th 9.00 am (Tean) Betty Day
 10.00am (Cheadle) Funeral Mass: Maisie Brough

Wednesday : Feria
 28th 9.00 am (Tean) Nancy Lowe
 9.15 am (Cheadle) Richard Brown

Thursday: Memorial St Martha
 29th 9.00 am (Tean) Jerome Booth
 6.00 pm (Cheadle) Pat Balfour

Friday : Feria (St Peter Chrysologus)
 30th 9.15 (Cheadle) Holy Souls (Wedding at 1pm)
 6.30 pm (Tean) Anne McGinnity

Saturday : Memorial : St Ignatius Loyola
 31st 10.00 am (Cheadle) Mass
 Exposition until 11.00 am
 10.30 am Sacrament of Penance

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: C

4.30 pm (Cheadle) Confessions
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Winnie and Roy Potts

Sunday 1st Aug
 8.30 am (Cotton) Priest's Intention
 10.30 am (Cheadle) People of the Parishes
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

The Holy Father's Mission Intention: July

That Christians may strive to offer everywhere, but especially in great urban centres, an effective contribution to the promotion of education, justice, solidarity and peace".

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parish Finance Committee: Thursday, 8th September at 10.00
Guildhall Meeting 11.00 am 9th Sept
FORUM (for all parishes): : Thursday, 9th. September at 6.45pm

Please pray for the sick:

Fr John Bentley, Fr. Tom O'Connor, Catherine Malkin, Christine Burnett, Alban Burton, Freddie Dwyer, Winifred Birch, Janet Daniels, , Veronica Arnold, David Routledge, Alan Hodgson, Michael Phillips, Drusilla Johnson, Barbara-Anne Nash, Cara Plant , Lucy Mundy, Josie Martin , Elsie Brehenny, Priscilla Huxley, Jack Hammond, John O'Leary, Dave Wooldridge, Sheila Murray, John Healey, Edna Carr Danny Conroy , Geoffrey Brown, Geoffrey Clewlow, Richard Butler, Christopher Manning, Michael Rushton. Dorothy Swift , Barbara Lock Marion Pilling, Arthur Hall Pam Howfield John Watkins

Rest in Peace

Maisie Brough, David Simcox, Rupert Milward, Nellie Wright, all who have died & those with anniversaries, falling at this time. .

PAPAL VISIT PRAYER

God of truth and love, your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart.

As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.

We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries.

May we be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church: pray for us
 St. Andrew: pray for us;
 St. George: pray for us.
 St. David: pray for us.

Thought for the Week

In Luke's Gospel today Jesus responds to the request – Lord teach us to pray. He gives us not only the prayer so familiar to all Christians, our family prayer, the Our Father but at the same time a pattern for all prayer. You see, the Our Father is not simply a prayer in itself but as it is given in response to the request to teach us how to pray it is a method for our prayer. We begin by recognising that we never pray alone, all prayer is an act of the Church. We immediately acknowledge to whom it is that we pray – our Father and we further acknowledge his greatness. We then pray for the realisation of the Kingdom, that God's rule may be a realisation in our lives. Having put God and his will first we then ask for our needs and those of others ,we acknowledge our sinfulness and ask forgiveness and ask that God be with us to keep us on the right path and strengthen us against temptation.

Jesus goes on to tell us through the parable which follows that we must have persistence in our prayer. It is easy for us to think that our prayer is unanswered but this is not the case. All prayer is answered – the answer may be 'not yet' or 'no' but prayer is never ignored. We need to open our hearts so that our prayer is in accordance with the Father's will and accept that if the answer is not yet we must wait for him to grant it in his time. Of course, God knows better than we do, and he knows our needs. If we are persistent in our prayer we will become more in tune with his will and our prayer will be appropriate. Abraham shows persistence in prayer in our first reading and we should learn from him.

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

LITURGY

1st Reading : Gen 18 20-32 Psalm : 138
 2nd Reading: Col 2 12-14 Gospel : Luke 11 1-13

St. Thomas' News.

As we come to the end of another school year spare a thought for two of our parishioners Dreda Bentley and Angela Mortlock who will be walking the 300 kilometres Way Of St. James in Northern Spain within the next two weeks. They are accepting sponsorship for this mammoth trek and the proceeds will be split between school and parish.

If you've already pledged then "thank you". If not, you can do so by signing the form at the back of St. Thomas' church or ring 01538 722464 and leave a pledge. Calls from a land-line will cost the price of a local call although some mobile companies may vary!

Congratulations also to Liz Owen and her retirement from our parish school. Liz has been involved in so many roles at school: parent, dinner-lady, crossing warden, teaching assistant, governor and general wonderful supporter. We wish her well in the future and thank her for her service.

I had a meeting with Andrew Capper, our parish architect yesterday and he is chasing the Lady Chapel roof repair scallies for us. The job was done and paid for but we are still having problems during heavy storms such as this week. No doubt Andrew will sort it for us.

" Words from St. Wilfrid's

The state of the Church is in the hands of the Diocese, and the Historic Churches' Committee has had it in its sight this week. The process of inspection and assessment is soon to start. It is too early to let you know any more.

Fr. Antony Mulloor: It is good to have him around. He is with us till 20th. August. I know that he is enjoying himself.

Fr Tony Joyce. It is great to have him around. This week he is off to Canada to see his close family. He deserves the rest.

End of School Year: It is now all over! Mr. Tumnney had a splendid Mass on Monday, celebrated by Bishop David. I hope that everyone can have a relaxing time..

The Papal Visit: 16-19 September. Please read what follows very carefully, as this week is the last one in which arrangements have to be in place for the Pope's Mass in **Cofton Park, Birmingham**, when he will beatify Cardinal John Henry Newman on Sunday, 19th September.

1. Those going are called Pilgrims. Our parishes have been allocated a generous 72 places. So far, people have indicated that they want to come, and we have your names in the Office. If we do not take up all our allocation, then we shall lose the places. **URGENT:** If you want to come, please be in touch with Sue as soon as possible. It will be too late to make up your mind after next Saturday..

2. You travel from a Pilgrim Point, which will be St. Gregory's Longton.. You will be asked to make a contribution of £25, which will include travel, as well as a special PILGRIMAGE PACK, needed for the Mass.

3. Children will be welcome, but they must be accompanied by adults.

4. Mark Downie has very kindly agreed to be our PILGRIM LEADER, entrusted with coordinating our group, and ensuring that full details of everyone are in order, and in the hands of the Archdiocese by 4th August at the latest..

5. In addition, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, to act as stewards, carers, nurses, doctors, first aiders etc. If you are willing to volunteer for this task, please approach Fr. Sandy or the Parish Office for a special Volunteer form.

PRAYER VIGIL IN HYDE PARK: SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER: 2—

10. This Vigil has been arranged with Young People in mind, and Pope Benedict will be taking part in it. There are some places available for the dioceses, and not just for young people. You would have to get yourself there (though there may be coaches), and there will be a charge. If you are interested, please approach Fr. Sandy TO-DAY, as the diocese has to know by Monday. This event is quite separate from the Cofton Park Mass.

North Staffs Newman Mass: This annual event takes place on the anniversary of the Cardinal's death, Wednesday, 11 August: 7.30pm at St. Teresa's, Trent Vale: Preacher Mgr. Michael Sharkey.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION - every two months on Mondays at 7.30pm at the Presbytery, Our next session is on 2nd. August.

SV.P. Those in need of help should contact Adrian Hackett on 752081 The Society meets monthly on a Tuesday evening. We are a friendly group, and are always looking for New Members. If you feel you can give a small amount of your time towards visiting a elderly, lonely, sick or housebound person, please come along to a meeting, or if anyone know of someone who many benefit from a visit from one of our members, please contact the above number.

.Churches Together prayer services in residential homes are as follows if you would like to take part please contact Mary Blunt on 757464

BEECH LODGE Thursday ,12th Aug,16th Sept at 2.15 pm

CHURCH TERRACE Friday 30th July,13th Aug, 17th Sept at 3.30 pm

DAISY BANK Weds Thurs 19th Aug Tues 21st Sept at 2.00 pm

The next business meeting for **Churches Together** is Tues 27th July 12.00 noon in the Parish Room Hot drinks will be available but bring a packed lunch

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Please pray for- A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews These who suffer persecution and oppression Those denied Human Rights Europe Human Life Seafarers

Pope Benedict's General Prayer Intention for JULY

That in every nation of the world the election of officials may be carried out with justice, transparency and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens".

BCYS

There will be an Activities Weekend September 24/26th at Stanley Head Outdoor Education centre the cost is £60 per person. The young people must be in Year 9 or older in September Places are limited Please contact Peter Lucas on 07971643648 for a booking form or the bcys website www.bcys.co.uk

Soll House Retreat for ages 14-17 is October 15/17th the cost is £70 per person which covers accommodation and food for the weekend as well as coach transport contact Peter Lucas as above or the website

JAM JARS would be very much appreciated by Veronica Lovatt to fill with homemade strawberry jam for sale to boost church funds .Please leave them at the back of church

HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE: in honour of the English Martyrs Sunday, 5th September, with Archbishop Bernard Longley to preside and preach.

Readers St Giles

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

July 17th J Blackburn	Sun P James
July 24th H Lowndes	Sun G Shaw
July 31st E Rushton	Sun J Downie

Please note that we are VERY short on Saturday evenings. Can you help? Help solve it!

Feast Day Candles St Giles as usual we celebrate with Feast Day candles and they will be on sale 24th July 2010 Veronica will be there at the back of church with a smile to greet you when you spend your money on a candle

Eucharistic Ministers rosters are available in the sacristy

Readers Lists are available in the sacristy

FAIRTRADE GOODS will be available after weekend masses at St Giles 31st July/1st August

Parish Finances

St Giles': £419.08 gift aid £176.00
St Thomas' £213.20 gift aid £151.00;
St Wilfrid's £73.50 Gift Aid £42.00