

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



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**Second Sunday in Lent 27th/28th Feb 2010 Year C; Psalter: Week 2**

*'The Lord is my Light and my Help'*

**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.**

**Monday: Feast: St. David, Patron of Wales.**

**1st March** 9.15 (Cheadle) Private Intention  
 2.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Tuesday: Feast: St Chad: Patron of the Archdiocese**

**2nd** 9.30 am (Cheadle) Priest's Intention  
 11.00 am (Cotton) Arthur Allen—Funeral

**Wednesday : Lenten Feria**

**3rd** 9.15 (Cheadle) Eucharistic Service  
 9.15 (Tean) Patrick O'Loughlan

**Thursday : Lenten Feria**

**4th** 6.00 pm (Cheadle) Laurence and Mona Adams

**Friday: Lenten Feria: FIRST FRIDAY**

**5th** *Women's World Day of Prayer*  
 9.15 am (Cheadle) Terence Corley  
 6.30 pm (Tean) James Finnegan (Stations beforehand)

**Saturday : Lenten Feria**

**6th** 10.00 am (Cheadle) Mass Priest's Intention  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00 am  
 10.30 Confessions

**Third Sunday of Lent : Year C**

4.30 Confessions  
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Mona Paul and Brian James

**SUNDAY**

**7th** 8.30 am (Cotton) Priest Intention  
 10.30 am (Cheadle) T,R & G Paruzel  
 3.00pm (Cheadle) Stations of the Cross  
 4.50 (Tean) Stations of the Cross.  
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

**The Holy Father's Mission Intention: March**

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 : Gen 15 5-12 Psalm : 26**  
**2nd Reading: Phil 3 17 – 4 Gospel : Luke 9 28-36**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesdays: 7.30: **JOURNEY into FAITH.**  
 Thursdays: 7.30 in the Parish Room  
**PARISH LENT GROUP.**  
**Choir Practice** Mar 4th 11th 18th and 25th  
**CONFIRMATION: Monday, 15th March at 7pm in St. Giles.**

**Please pray for the sick:**

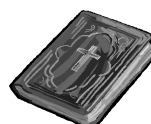
Canon Peter Taylor Fr John Bentley, Fr. Tom O'Connor, Fr. John Berry, Fr. Paul Devaney, Fr. Frank Rowe, Catherine Malkin, Pat Balfour, Christine Burnett, Alban Burton, Nancy Hammond, Freddie Dwyer, Winifred Birch, Janet Daniels, Margaret Allen, Veronica Arnold, Richard Brown, David Routledge, Alan Hodgson, 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, Margaret Baker, Richard Butler.

**Rest in Peace**

**ARTHUR ALLEN, all who have died recently & those with anniversaries falling at this time.**

*Reflection for the Week*

**Sometimes, I wish my life were easier. But there are so many things to be done, so many problems to be solved. Sometimes, I want to change other people, but am unwilling to change myself. Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**



**Thought for the Week**

Today we have the Gospel narrative of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This is the second time the Gospels relate the descending of the Holy Spirit on Jesus and the voice of the Father confirming that Jesus is His 'beloved Son'. The first time is at Jesus' baptism which marks the beginning of his ministry. It points us towards the ministry which is to follow; the ministry which eventually ends on Good Friday when Jesus is crucified. Today's event points not towards Jesus' earthly ministry and his death but towards the Resurrection and eternal life. In the Transfiguration the disciples are given a glimpse of heaven. Moses and Elijah – two great Old Testament prophets – are seen talking to Jesus. We are told that Jesus' face is changed All three of them are radiant. Moses and Elijah appear in glory and the disciples see their glory. All three are appearing in their glorified bodies. It is a foreshadowing of the resurrection when Jesus will appear in his glorified body before ascending into glory. The whole event gives us hope – the hope of the resurrection when Christ returns in glory and we receive our glorified bodies too that we may live with Him in his presence for ever. He psalm concludes: 'I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.' The Lord is our hope and our salvation. The vision related in today's Gospel reminds us and encourages us that if we hold firm to our faith we will see the glory of the Lord and have a share in it.

**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

### Canterbury Garden

We heard this week that the grant application has been successful. Staffordshire Community Fund (Grassroots) has approved the request and £5,000 will be in our Garden Account with Leek United this weekend. This means that all the trees, bushes, chippings, benches, shrubs, gates, steps, and storage will be paid for. We have an extremely tight deadline to work to, but that will actually be no disadvantage at all. 32 days is a long time!

We are having a working party in the garden on Saturday morning, March 6th from 9am until 12 noon. All are welcome and encouraged to give us a hand. If you can come, could you bring a wheelbarrow with you as well?

Part of the project will be a Marian Garden with all the plants dedicated to Our Lady. We are offering parishioners an opportunity to sponsor a plant in this part of the garden and you can dedicate it to your family, either a loved one who has deceased or to mark a birthday or anniversary, or even just to mark your family. Prices are £5, £10, £15 or £20. The plant will be marked with your chosen name. Any further information see John Smith (722464) or the poster at the back of St. Thomas'.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer: The annual Service in Tean will take place Gorsty Hill Chapel on Friday, 5th March at 7.30pm. Emma Dawson to speaker. In **Cheadle**,. On the same day, but at 2 pm, the Service will be held in the Methodist Church, Chapel Street. Speaker: Mrs. Anne Cummings. All are welcome at these service.

Painsley & Lourdes: They will be holding a Coffee morning and cake stall at all Masses on **next** 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.

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

The brochures and booking forms are fully available now—from the Parish Office. These days, it is no longer as cheap as it was. But it would be good if a number of parish people could go.

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.**

JOURNEY INTO FAITH: We are now on the road in the Parish Room, on **Wednesdays**. Let's hope that the weather keeps being kind!

RUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Each Holy Week, ask you to renew your commitment to Christ and the service of his people in this wonderful way. **Next week, we are to start again offering the chalice at Mass**, so we shall need you all more than ever! *I am looking for folk, who would feel open to joining the team. Please see me.*

HOLY HOUR for Special Ministers: Tuesday, 16 March at 7pm in St. Giles. I would ask all from all our parishes to do your best to come along.

LITURGY GROUP: to prepare for Holy Week—Let's have representatives from all the parishes, so that all are well represented in our Celebrations. **I am hoping for Wednesday, 10th March at 7pm in the Presbytery Dining Room.**

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 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.

Message from Hannah I would just like to take this opportunity to say a massive, heartfelt thank you to Father Sandy and all the parishioners who have supported me on the road to the pilgrimage in Lourdes. It is very much appreciated. I will be certain to pray for you all at the grotto. Again, if anyone has any petitions for Lourdes, please feel free to contact either myself or my mum, during term time, as I will be back at Soli House in Stratford. 01538702463

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

CTC Youth Group Open to **8-14 year olds, St Giles School hall from 7.30-9.00**

**Admission £1.50. Refreshments available**

**Dates:**  
Friday 12th March Easter activities  
Friday 14th May Outdoor games  
Friday 11th June Dance/ Keep Fit  
Friday 9th July Summer Beach Party

### **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** Feb 18th., March 18th all at 2.00 Church Terrace March 19th all at 3.30 pm Daisy Bank 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 Fairtrade goods will on sale at St Giles after 5.00 pm Mass Saturday and 10.30 Mass Sunday on the first week-end of the month Beginning 6/7th March

**Catholic Women's League AGM** and meeting. Wed. March 3rd. at 7.30pm. in school new members are always welcome

### 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) which is next weekend.** 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 20th Izaak Bailey	Sun J. Downie
Feb 27th B Hammersley	Sun S Peck
March 6th J Blackburn	Sun FAMILY MASS
March 13th H. Lowndes	Sun 14th Sue Glass

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

### Parish Finances

**St Giles: £360.20** gift aid £200.05

**St Thomas' £231.68** gift aid £90.18

**St Wilfrid's NO Mass this week.**

**Please be diligent in making up for Sundays, missed because of another SNOW SUNDAY! We have to keep going.**