

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



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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4/5th September 2010 Year C; Psalter: Week 3

'O Lord you have been our refuge from one generation tot he next'

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

4.30 pm (Cheadle) Confessions
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Pat Balfour

Sunday
 5th 8.30 am (Cotton) People of the Parishes
 10.30 am (Cheadle) Priest's Intention
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

Monday: Feria
 6th 9.15 am (Tean) Tom Farrington
 9.15 am (Cheadle) Maisie Brough
 2.00pm (Cheadle) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WELCOME BACK to our schools, pupils and teachers, as we start again.

Tuesday: Feria
 7th 9.15 am (Tean) Patrick O'Brien
 10.00am (Cheadle) Geoffrey Beech

Wednesday : FEAST: Birthday of Our Lady
 8th 9.15 am (Tean) Philomena Dawson
 9.15 am (Cheadle) Holy Souls
 5.30pm (Cheadle) Reception of Body: Laura Moul

Thursday: Feria (St Peter Claver)
 9th 9.15 am (Cheadle) Freda Martin
 11.30am(Cheadle) FUNERAL MASS : Laura Moul
 6.30pm (Tean) Holy Souls (Forum to follow.)

Friday :Feria (St Ambrose Barlow)
 10th 6.30pm (Cheadle) Mass with Baptism.
 6.30 pm (Tean) Patrick O'Connor

Saturday : Our Lady on Saturday
 11th 10.00 am (Cheadle) Mass (Holy Souls)
 Exposition until 11.00 am
 10.30 am Sacrament of Penance

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4.30 pm (Cheadle) Confessions
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) Maisie Brough

Sunday
 12th 8.30 am (Cotton) Frances Byatt
 10.30 am (Cheadle) Nora Moul
 5.30 pm (Tean) People of the Parishes

The Holy Father's Mission Intention: September

That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world".

LITURGY

1st Reading : Wisdom 9 13-18 Psalm : 89
 2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10 12-17 Gospel : Luke 14 28-33

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, Canon Tony Piercy, 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, Francis Cox, John Watkins, Pat Ryan.

Rest in Peace

Laura Catherine Moul, Fr. Pat. Branagan, 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

Jesus' words can sound intimidating. Does he really expect us to hate those we are most called to love, a spouse, a parent or a child, who have loved us with no thought for themselves? Or is he asking us to learn a new way of loving, a way that refuses to put ourselves at the centre of everything? He taught us a new kind of love when he gave himself for us on the Cross. The celebration of the Eucharist is a celebration of that love. He does not ask us to hate our family but he does ask us get our priorities right and to put Him first. If we get this right then we find that actually we love our family more perfectly. In the Eucharist, Christ transforms us and we become more like him. In our prayer life He guides and leads us and brings us closer to Him. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that if we want to achieve something (he uses the analogy of the tower) we need to spend time planning and working out the cost. In his sacrifice he gave everything – fully aware that ultimately his obedience to the Father would cost his life. He concludes by telling us that we have to give up everything too if we are to be his disciples. We can only do this if we spend time with him in prayer discerning what he wants from us and entering into discipleship fully aware that it will cost us our time and effort. Much is required of us and much is received! The first reading reminds us that we are frail, limited human beings who will never be able to understand the mysteries of life – only God's Wisdom can instruct us. Jesus is the Wisdom of God and in prayer and contemplation he instructs us.

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

The MAGNIFICAT Handbook

The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. For those attending a Papal Mass or the Hyde Park Vigil, please do make sure you take a copy. Although there are not copies for everyone, there are more than enough for one per family or household. We would like to invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook if you are able. £2-00 per copy would help to cover the costs. Please use the Handbook when following the Pope's visit on television or the internet.

However, last weekend, I made these books available in large numbers, and another supply has come our way this weekend. Those who are going to the Cofton or Hyde Park events will need to take your own book.

The financial position is this. They have to be paid for. The suggestion is that £2 is paid for a copy! But there are so many, that they are widely available, and no one expects you pay for each one! **Please do your best to make a contribution in the baskets at the back of our churches!**

Our bishops write: We look forward with great joy to the Visit of the Pope to the UK. The presence of the Holy Father in our countries will be an opportunity for us to renew our faith, draw encouragement from the message he brings and the liturgies that he will celebrate with us.

St. Thomas: After our parish meeting of Friday, we are sorting out all our jobs. Have a look at the jobs list at the back of church and go from there. Many practical tasks need to be dealt with before Winter with paint brush etc.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION - every two months on Mondays at 7.30pm at the Presbytery, **Our next session is on Monday, 4th October..**

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.

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, foundress of the Daughters of Charity. His feast falls on 27th September. Throughout the month, a series of pictures will be put up in the Notice Board / in the Cheadle Church, showing the sort of care that is given to people in need. Holding their hope in your hands is the theme for the month, and their annual report has the title: Changing lives for the Better is the title of their annual report. Please keep the work of the Society in your prayers and support .

PARISH FORUM: There will be a General Parish Meeting for all us and from all the Parishes on Thursday at 7pm. It will take place at Tean, with Mass there at 6.30. The minutes of our previous meeting should be attached to this Newsletter. I would appreciate a good turn out.

The Papal Visit: 16-19 September. Please read what follows very carefully, as each week there will be updates about 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. We have taken up 40 places, and these have been registered with the Deanery and with the organisers. Many thanks for cooperating so well..A few have had to drop out, but cannot be replaced. I understand that the four people who asked to join in August have been accepted.
2. You travel from a Pilgrim Point, which will now be St. Thomas More School, 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. Concerning this money, per pilgrim, it has to be collected by each parish. Please be so good as to bring this money in a clearly marked envelope, with your name on it, to the parish office. In this way, we can account for it carefully.
3. Children will be welcome, but they must be accompanied by adults, and the cost is the same for them.
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. More later on this.
5. It is to be hoped that tickets and general information about transport etc. will be with you in the next few days! It is in the pipeline

Journey into Faith: ' From the earliest times, it was clear that no-one could be a Christian alone. Christians come together to express and deepen their faith and to be renewed for the journey of following Jesus in their lives and to serve those in need. ('Heart speaks unto Heart') In a few weeks time, our 'Journey into Faith' will continue for new enquirers and those wishing to deepen their faith. Starting at the end of the month, we are planning our annual adventure. I hope that this will help us all, as Pope Benedict is showing this month. As ever, it will give a chance to those wanting to make a start.. See the Notice Board. Full details next week..

Pope's Sunday: 19th. September—just two weeks away. There will be **NO PARISH Masses on the day**, but there will be **TWO VIGIL MASSES:** Saturday, 18th: 5pm at Cheadle, and 6.30 at Tean. More at neighbouring parishes on a special list. These will be given more space next weekend.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Please pray for— The spread of the gospel ,The harvest ,the fruits of human work, the reverent use of creation ,Justice and peace in the world, all victims of war ,young people, prisoners and their families

Pope Benedict's

General Prayer Intention for September

That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress".

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

Soli 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

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 ,16th Sept at 2.15
CHURCH TERRACE Friday , 17th Sept at 3.30 pm
DAISY BANK Tuesday 21st Sept at 2.00 pm

Fairtrade Goods will be available after weekend masses 4/5th September

Readers St Giles

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

4th Sept I Bailey Sun J Bicknell

11th Sept B Hammersley Sun E Bicknell

18th Sept J Blackburn Sun M Downie

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

HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE:

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

JAM JARS would be very much appreciated by Veronica Lovatt Please leave them at the back of church.

HOME MADE JAM: This is selling like hot cakes (that is why we need the empty jars). Many thanks to the makers for bringing in a good £40 to our parish resources. We need it, & every little helps

Parish Finances

St Giles': £439.54 gift aid £220.50

St Thomas'£348.03 gift aid £70.50

St Wilfrid's £87.00 gift Aid 51.00

Parish Lottery

£87.00 J C Hancock Cheadle No 406

Family Barn Dance: in the Guild Hall on Saturday, 9th October. It is sponsored by Churches Together

Churches Together: Next meeting is on Tuesday, 7th September in the Parish Room.