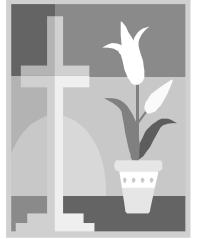


St. Thomas', Tean St. Giles', Cheadle St. Wilfrid's, Cotton



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Third Sunday in Lent 6th/7th March 2010 Year C; Psalter: Week 3

'The Lord is Compassion and Love'

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

Monday: Lenten feria

8th 9.15 (Cheadle) Holy Souls
 2.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: Lenten Feria (Deanery Day)

9th 9.45 am (Cheadle) Jane Ball (*please note time*)

Wednesday : Lenten Feria

10th 9.15 (Tean) Priest's Intention (or Eucharistic Service)
 11.00 am (Cheadle) **Funeral Mass** Margaret Baker

Thursday : Lenten Feria

11th 9.15 am (Cheadle) St Giles Year 5 Mass
 9.15 am (Tean) Special Intention
 6.00 pm (Cheadle) Patrick O Loughlin
 6.30 pm (Cheadle) **First Confessions**

Friday: Lenten Feria:

12th 6.30 pm (Tean) Special Intention (Stations beforehand)

Saturday : Lenten Feria

13th 10.00 am (Cheadle) Mass Priest's Intention
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00 am
 10.30 Confessions

Fourth Sunday of Lent : Year C

4.30 Confessions
 5.00 pm (Cheadle) People of the Parishes

SUNDAY

(Mothering Sunday)

14th 8.30 am (Cotton) Priest's Intention
 10.30 am (Cheadle) Nora Moulit & Kathleen McKeating
 3.00pm (Cheadle) Stations of the Cross
 4.50 (Tean) Stations of the Cross.
 5.30 pm (Tean) Priest's Intention

SECOND COLLECTION: *EASTER FLOWERS*
(all churches)

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 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 Mal-kin, 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 Wool-ridge, Sheila Murray, John Healey, Edna Carr Danny Conroy, Frank Cunningham, Geoffrey Brown, Geoffrey Clewlaw, Richard Butler, Neville Mountford,

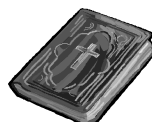
Rest in Peace

Nancy Cain, Margaret Baker, all who have died recently & those with anniversaries falling at this time.

Reflection for the Week

The Scribes and Pharisees were more concerned with appearing good than with actually being good. We don't have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not.

All we have to do is try to be true to what we are—God's precious sons and daughters. Lord, help to shun all falsity and pretence, and to live a life of genuine goodness. Then our deeds will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruit from a good tree.



Thought for the Week

Today's Old Testament reading tells us of the call of Moses and his encounter with God in the Burning Bush. Moses receives his mission from God in this encounter where God reveals himself as a compassionate God who sees the suffering of his people and takes action to relieve them. To confirm his promise God reveals his name to Moses: "I AM". This is the name by which God is known for all time. It is a name, St John's Gospel tells us, that Jesus will use many times as he teaches, for example "I AM the Good Shepherd; I Am the Resurrection: I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Moses is a key figure in the salvation history of Israel. In today's Gospel we find Jesus teaching about sin and repentance. He tells them, and us, quite clearly that we should not assume that others are greater sinners than we are; nor should we consider that we are OK and will not suffer because of our sin. Jesus tells us that if we do not repent we will perish. During this season of Lent we spend time thinking about sin and death and through self-denial we take on some suffering to show that we are repentant. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available to us all year round and we are encouraged to make full use of this wonderful gift but it is at this time of year particularly that the Church calls us to visit the Lord in this Sacrament and to reconcile ourselves with him. St Paul reminds us of why this is so. He says: "the man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall." Let us turn to the Lord, recognise our sinfulness and reconcile ourselves with him now.

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

Readers: this weekend: Teresa Sanders; Next weekend: Family Mass—children from school.

Church Cleaning: next weekend: Liz and Ursula.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: Each week at Christchurch, there is an Ecumenical Lent Service on Wednesdays at 2pm and 7.30pm

TOILET set free after hostage Ordeal (Work this one out!) A couple of years ago, a very generous parishioner made the parish a gift of a lawn-mower. It was (and still is) excellent and does a hair raising job in our church garden. However, the only safe place to store it has been the Church toilet, which has been somewhat of 'an inconvenience in the convenience!'

Now that we have received the Community Grassroots grant, a shed has been installed with home-designed security features specially for the mower. Perhaps we should have a formal re-opening ceremony! Our facility when renovated was like a bathroom advertisement, - it can now return to being just that!

ROADWORKS in Tean: I am sure that we shall be much inconvenienced! How much will be experienced! As St. Thomas' Road is likely to be overused, do allow plenty of time when coming to Mass—and no parking in the Road! It should be OK for Easter.

CONFIRMATION: On Monday week, 15th March, Bishop David McGough will be celebrating Mass at St. Giles, at 7pm., during which he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to young people from Cheadle and Tean. Please keep them in your prayers.

Painsley & Lourdes: They will be holding a Coffee morning and cake stall at Cheadle-Masses this Sunday, 7th March. It is good to support the young. (Tean will have this at a later date.

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: We reach the halfway mark this coming Thursday. 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! Now that we have marked the Lent Fast Day for CAFOD, **Please concentrate on making contributions to the Lenten Alms Box—proceeds of which will go to Fr. Antony's project.** Do, please, 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.**

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. **This Wednesday, 10th March at 7pm in the Presbytery Dining Room.**

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME: Available by next weekend.

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.**

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

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

GIFT AIDING: Do please gift aid on any monies, which go through the parishes. There is one necessary requirement: **Be sure to write your OFFERTORY ENVELOPE NUMBER** (and your name) on any envelope containing cash which you are donating..

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 March

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 Goods will on sale at St Giles after 5.00 pm Mass Saturday and 10.30 Mass Sunday on the first weekend of the month beginning 6/7th March

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

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 this 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**

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!

March 6th J Blackburn	Sun FAMILY MASS
March 13th H. Lowndes	Sun 14th Sue Glass-
March 20th E Rushton	Sun 21st M Downie
March 27th M Edwards	Sun P James

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

Parish Finances

St Giles: £563.44 gift aid £ 335.10 2nd £190.72***

St Thomas' £256.42 gift aid £153.50. 2nd.£84.50 ***

St Wilfrid's £121.85 Gift Aid £92.00 2nd £70.63***

*** - for the work of CAFOD (Lent Fast Day)

Please be diligent in making up for Sundays, missed because of weather or other reasons!

We have to keep going somehow.