



St. Joseph's, Stockport

THE ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART FATHERS

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2nd Sunday
Lent, Year A

**Continuation from last week of
A PASTORAL LETTER on the Re-dedication
of England as the Dowry of Mary on 29
March.**

Together with Our Lady we now repeat her fiat, her "yes" to all God asks of us and to the grace God wishes to pour into our hearts. In a time of amnesia – forgetfulness - of the Christian past, we recall how England began with this desire to say "yes" to God's grace, in order that a once pagan people might share Christ's victory in the wilderness by learning to live "by every word which comes from the mouth of God" and worshiping and serving the Lord God alone. Our national identity would be forged by the Christian faith we now share. England's Monarchs would entrust this land to the Mother of God so that, like Mary, we might respond to God's word in faith. They recognised England's high destiny to be a place where the joy of the Annunciation would never fade. This year, the Bishops invite us to renew that solemn act of entrustment to the Blessed Virgin Mary amidst the de-Christianisation of our society, re-echoing the call with which Lent begins, "Come back to me with all your heart". On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we will make this act of entrustment together at the end of Mass. In Shrewsbury Diocese, I want us to also make this entrustment throughout Lent using the simple and profound words of the Angelus. Where Monarchs once acted on behalf of their people, today may this same act of dedication be renewed in the hearts of each one of us.

+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury 1st March

Go to www.Behold2020.com and see if you can find St Joseph's, Stockport on the Re-Dedication Map, courtesy of Cath Duffy, Karen Jordan, WOSJ, Fr Jim.

SUNDAYS MASSES: 5.00 pm Vigil (Saturday) 11.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES:

Monday – Saturday 12. Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Friday 11.30

Saturday: 11.30 & 12.30 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Saturday 11.30 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment during Sunday Masses or 3.00 pm on Sunday

8 - 15 March 2020

SUN	2 nd Sunday Lent, Year A	5.00pm Vigil	People of the Parish	11.30	Frances Bellis (Rec Dec)
MON	Ferial	12 Noon	Sr Pauline Briody, Sisters of Evron, RIP	7.30 pm	Matthew Matthews Anniversary
TUE	Ferial	12 Noon	Pauline Moor Ints	7.30 pm	Linda Matthews Anniversary
WED	Ferial	12 noon	Gerry Rice RIP	7.30 pm	Byrne Family Deceased
THU	Ferial	12 noon	Cecilia Walsh Recently Deceased	7.30 pm	Black Family Deceased
FRI	Ferial	12 Noon	Tom Whelan (Cork) Month's Mind	7.30 pm	Coyle Family Deceased
SAT	Ferial	12 Noon	Lilly Cranny (Birthday Remembrance)		
SUN	3 rd Sunday Lent, Year A	5.00 pm	Barbara Jones Recently Deceased	11.30	Caroline Shaw (RIP) Linda Kranc (Rec Dec)

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Fr Jim McGrath, Eleanor Mulvey, Eileen Corallo, Betty McIntosh, Leslie Wray, Peggy Sweeney, Margaret Slattery, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Alan Gell, Margaret Edwards, Vera Henderson, Tina Labella, James Hayward.
Anniversaries: Fr Jerry Sheehy, scj, Linda Matthews, Lily Cranny. **Lately Dead** Sr Pauline Briody (Sisters of Evron), Canon Chris Dwyer, Derek Atkinson (father of Fr Philip), Cecelia Walsh, Ursula Dzedzinski, Patricia 'Pat' Iredale.

Part of the Mother of God Local Pastoral Area in Stockport

Stepping Hill Hospital Chaplaincy – phone 419.5889 for request for Holy Communion.

Catholic Chaplaincy In Emergency: page 483 1010 / ask for Catholic chaplain

Collections: 1.3.20 £ 770.29 & £402.00 for 2 new lectern falls. Much appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are grateful to Mr Russell and his Year 4 pupils for leading us in the Stations of the Cross each **Friday** of Lent. We invite you to join us in church at **11.30**.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS IN LENT

A few priests will be available for Confessions on Friday 3rd April between 6 and 8 pm, during Adoration, at St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA

EDDIE ALLOTT'S FAITH SHARING GROUP will be meeting this **Monday, 9th March at 8.00 pm** in the Peace room. During Lent we will be meeting every Monday and we will be looking at the Gospel according to Matthew. All are welcome.

BARBARA BOYER'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

Barbara Boyer's group continue their Lenten Season of 6 meetings with the third meeting this coming **Thursday 12th March at 1.30 p.m. in the reception room of the Presbytery**. We are using a Redemptorist publication "**A Word for Lent**". It uses the gospels in the Sundays of Lent as reflections to provide stimulating insights and ways into personal prayer and commitment to Jesus

Thurs 12th March 3. Acceptance

Thurs 19th March 4. Celebration

Thurs 26th March 5. Forgiveness

Thurs 2nd April 6. Passion

You are welcome to join us for any one of our meetings, to make this journey through Lent.

THE ANGELUS

Bishop Mark is encouraging everyone to pray the **Angelus** regularly during Lent in preparation for the Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry on **March 29th**. The Bishop spoke about this in a Pastoral Letter last weekend (See front page). To assist in this, copies of a **diocesan prayer card of the Angelus** is available in church. We already recite the Angelus each weekday before the noon Mass. After the 11.30 Mass that Sunday we will process with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, placing it on the sanctuary with candles and flowers. **We will sing the Walsingham hymn and pray the Angelus and Act of Entrustment.**

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR

Despite the recent poor weather our last Footsteps event was very well supported and the audience was extremely moved to hear Mary Hardiman talk about the journey of faith experienced by a man on Death Row, Louisiana. Jeremiah's life of total contrasts was like nothing we would probably experience and his testament of faith is extraordinary. If you would like to hear a recording of Mary's talk, go to the media page on the website <https://stpeterscatholic.church/media/>

BINGO in the Parish Hall on Fridays at 8.00pm

SR PAULINE BRIODY, died 25th February peacefully in the wonderful care of Saint Marys Nursing Home, Moston following a long illness borne with dignity and courage. Late of Saint Bernadette's, Brinnington, and formerly of Killnaleck, Co.Caven . Deeply mourned by her Religious Community of the Sisters of Evron, her Sisters in law Rose and Mary, her nieces, nephews and cousins; along with many friends and the Parishioners at Saint Bernadette's. Sister Pauline's reception into Saint Bernadette's Church is on Sunday 8th March at 4pm followed by requiem Mass on Monday 9th at 10.15am followed by burial in Highfield Cemetery. RIP

CANON CHRISTOPHER DWYER (1927 – 2020) RIP

Reception of Body and Requiem Mass at 7pm on Monday 9th March, Sacred Heart & St Peter's, Southmoor Road, Baguley M23 1HP. Canon Chris' mortal remains will then be taken to Ireland for burial. He was ordained in 1952 at Kilkenny Cathedral. Amongst his appointments were Assistant Priest at St Peter's, Stalybridge (1959 - 1964); parish priest at St James', Hattersley (1964 - 1978), during which time he helped the parish to build their parish hall which was opened in 1965; St Alban's, Macclesfield as Parish Priest (1978 - 1991) May he rest in peace.

WEDDING BELLS: Fr Jim and Simon Leigh, whilst taking part in the first of the Tuesday Lenten Ecumenical services at St Mary's in the Market Place, 25th February (12.15 to 12.50) , were pleased to pray for the upcoming wedding of the church warden, Adam Pinder, to our own folk group member Catherine Humphries. On behalf of the parish we offer our congratulations to Catherine and Adam who were married at St Mary's on Saturday 29th February. Mr and Mrs Adam Pinder, may your joys be as bright as the morning, your years of happiness as numerous as the stars in heaven and your troubles but shadows that fade in the sunlight of love.

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CEO AT Caritas, This is in the location of Wallasey and Manchester with regional travel. For more information visit: <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/job-vacancies/> closing date noon 13 March 2020.

LENT 2020

Do you feel like doing something different this Lent? It is not necessary to "give something up" but it is good to do something different. We are always looking for helpers here at St Joseph's. Giving time (and maybe a talent) is a wonderful gift. Maybe you have ½ hour to spare a week, a month or every few months. We have a lovely team here, but sadly it has diminished over the years and we are always happy to have extra willing help. Please speak with Fr Jim for more information.

Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj returned to us last Tuesday. T.G. **The evening weekday Mass returns also.**