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*SACRED HEART FATHERS*

*Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms*

**Weekend Masses**

**19 – 26 July 2020**

**Sunday (Vigil) 5.00 pm** People of the parish intentions

**Sunday 11.30 am** Thank you to the group who worked hard to clean the church so that some people have been able to attend Mass again

**Ukrainian Mass at 1.30 today**

Monday and Thursday: **No Masses** As you appreciate and observe the role of our **STEWARDS, who keep us safe and well, please let us know if you or any other healthy person could / would volunteer to help us out on Monday or Thursday from 11.15 to 12.45.**

**Tuesday** 12 noon Margaret Dolan Birthday Intentions

**Wednesday** 12 noon Fr Joseph Russell – Ordination 22/07/1951

**Friday** 12 noon Peggy Donne, and all residents at Lisburn Court who can have no visitors.

Sunday (Vigil) **5.00 pm** Mary Dowd intentions

Sunday **11.30 am** People of the parish intentions

**SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION**

The faithful continue to be dispensed in this national emergency from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. We have not yet returned to a state of “normality” and there are parishioners who may remain shielded / isolated for many medical reasons. For this reason the Bishops of England and Wales would want to encourage the livestreaming of Mass to be continued wherever possible and the encouragement of prayer in the home and acts of spiritual communion for those unable to attend Mass.

**John Thomas Shepherd RIP** Our sincere condolences to his family. His private Funeral Service (for 30 people) will take place here on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15, prior to interment at Highfield at 1.30. His wife Veronica died 24 May 2000, aged 63. RIP

“Please maintain these simple rules to ensure we are all kept safe”. John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

1. If you wish to light a candle please use the candles placed on the round table for you and light it from the already lit candle. 2. Please do not touch any of the statues.

3. **Numbers may have to be limited to 50 for social distancing.**

4. On leaving the church please take all of your belongings and any papers you have used with you.

5. Please leave church via the side door, top righthand corner, where hand sanitiser is also available.

**ORDINATIONS THE DIACONATE AND THE PRIESTHOOD.**

Bishop Mark is happy to announce that Patrick Breeze, David Irwin, Humphrey O'Connor and Stephen Roberts will be ordained to the transitional Diaconate at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday 25th July at 12 noon. Rev Robert Dykes will be ordained to the Priesthood at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Tuesday 4th August at 6.00pm. Please keep these five men very much in your prayers.

These Ordination Masses can be accessed via livestream. <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,  
 to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.  
 Your justice has its source in strength,  
 your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.  
 You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned  
 and you expose the insolence of those who know it;  
 but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,  
 you govern us with great lenience,  
 for you have only to will, and your power is there.  
 By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people  
 how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,  
 and you have given your sons the good hope  
 that after sin you will grant repentance.

Response to the Psalm: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words. Rom 8: 26 – 27*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Listen, anyone who has ears!

**PLEASE collect your 2020 – 2021 envelopes at the back of church,  
 or bring one to a neighbour of yours who cannot join us just now.**

Online giving to the Parish of St Joseph's, Stockport for those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been created for us.

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stjosephstockportdioceseofshrewsbury2183>

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way. You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further. If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order. Thank you for your support. Fr Jim