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*SACRED HEART FATHERS*

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

**2 – 9 August 2020**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	<b>Sunday (Vigil)</b>	05.00 pm	Monica McShane - Recently Deceased
	<b>Sunday</b>	11.30 am	People of the Parish
	Monday, Thursday	<b>No mass</b>	
	Saturday	<b>No 12 noon Mass</b>	
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	12 noon	Vera Henderson Intentions
	<b>Wednesday</b>	12 noon	Alan Gell Intentions
	<b>Friday</b>	12 noon	Book of Remembrance
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	People of the parish
	Sunday	11.30 am	Dr David Marsland - Recently Deceased, father of Charlotte Idehen. RIP

**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.

**Please maintain these simple rules to ensure we are all kept safe in church.**

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.**

**Social Distancing – latest recommendations**

4. **As we go to print / social media, it looks as though the majority of us have to wear face covering in CHURCH from 8<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Face Coverings - latest recommendations**

- 5, Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport, and also in shops and in supermarkets since 24th July 2020. People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as St Joseph's church
6. On leaving the church please take all of your belongings and any papers you have used with you.
7. Please leave church via the side door, top righthand corner, where hand sanitiser is also available.

**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, Thursday or Saturday from 11.15 to 12.45.**

Lead Stewards - John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.  
With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps: 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v 16

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans      8:35, 37 - 39

*No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Luke: 19:38

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*The feeding of the five thousand*

Matthew: 13 – 21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

Bishop Mark is happy to announce that Rev Robert Dykes will be ordained to the Priesthood at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Tuesday 4th August at 6.00pm. Please keep him very much in your prayers. This Ordination Mass can be accessed via livestream. <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

**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

**We pray for our sick**, especially Margaret Edwards (Stepping Hill), Betty McIntosh & Patricia Mounsey & Peggy Donne (Lisburn Court), Maureen McCumesky (Bruce Lodge), Bernadette Taylor (Wythenshawe Hospital), Robyn Gibbons (Australia), Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Vera Henderson, Tina Labella, James Hayward, Alan Gell, Eleanor Mulvey.

Our sincere condolences to Charlotte Idehen, and her family, on the death of her father, **Dr David Marsland**. He was recently diagnosed with a terminal illness and died two weeks ago.

We pray for the happy repose of his soul. RIP

**John Quirke?** We have recently had a request from somebody who has kept in touch with a John Quirke, since he left the parish and went to live in King Sutton, Banbury, Oxfordshire. The enquirer is anxious to know if anybody knows of his present circumstances. Please God he is ok.

**OUR DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Thursday 30 July -Tuesday 4 August

Date	Time	Event	Venue/Location
<b>DAY 4</b> Sun 2nd Aug	11am	Live Streamed Mass Celebrant: Fr Chris Matthews	Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Woodchurch via Church Services TV
	2pm	Songs of Praise led by Fr Stephen Wooley	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
	8pm	Quiz Night	Zoom – Links and passwords will be sent out beforehand.
<b>DAY 5</b> Mon 3rd Aug	9am	Live Final Mass, where deceased pilgrims will be remembered Celebrant: Bishop Mark Davies	Shrewsbury Cathedral via Church Services TV
	10.30am	Hospitality Message	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
	2pm	Stations of the Cross – Hillside and Lower stations.	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
	5pm	Holy Hour led by Deacon Robert Dykes	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
	8pm	Shrewsbury Live Lounge	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
<b>DAY 6</b> Tues 4th Aug	10am	Message of thanks	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube
	11am	A look back at our previous pilgrimages	Website, Facebook Page & YouTube

Check the website <https://shrewsburylourdes.com/> for full details of the programme including joining instructions for Masses, ceremonies and other events.

**Planning – Application Summary:** Piccadilly Car Park, Piccadilly, Stockport. Reference DC/072623 <https://planning.stockport.gov.uk/PlanningData-live/>. This concerns the large car park at the bottom of Fletcher Street. Revised Proposals: Full planning application for the erection of a mixed-use commercial (A1 use) and residential (C3 use) development comprising 98no. apartments including a mix of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units with associated access, parking, landscaping and engineering works. All comments to be submitted via the Council's online facility by 7<sup>th</sup> August.