

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

9 - 16 August 2020

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
	Monday, Thursday	No mass	
	Saturday	No 12 noon Mass	
Weekday Masses	Tuesday	12 noon	Samuel Wild Birthday Remembrance
	Wednesday	12 noon	Margaret Doyle and family Intentions
	Friday	12 noon	Melvin family RIP
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil) – Assumption of BVM	05.00 pm	People of the parish
	Sunday- Assumption	11.30 am	Mary and Peter Douce – Golden Wedding

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is next Sunday!!!!!!!

The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. The Bishops of England and Wales would want to encourage the livestreaming of Mass 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.**
4. **From Saturday 8th August the majority of us have to wear face coverings in CHURCH.**
5. **SOME KNEELERS ARE TAPED UP** – because of social distancing in the bench ahead of you!!!!!!!!!!!!
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 all week from 11.15 to 12.45.

Lead Stewards - John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Many thanks to people who have been in a position to collect their annual offertory collection envelopes in church or from the Presbytery. With these church contributions, and other very kind donations, we have been able to bank £5,426,50, during this pandemic, towards paying our bills and caring for our priests. Towards the latter, we also gratefully acknowledge the following increasing Standing Orders: March £544.00. April: £724.00. May £684.00. June £859.00. Details of how to go about arranging a Standing Order can be found in previous newsletters / website and in next week's bulletin. This week we will try - in church and via volunteers - to distribute some of the remaining offertory envelopes. Thank you for your support. Frs Blaise and Jim

19A Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave

Psalm 84(85):9-14

R. *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia

Lk19:38

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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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.

This year's **National Novena to Our Lady of Knock** is postponed.