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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

23 – 30 August 2020

Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	Melvin Fahy RIP	People of the parish
	Sunday	11.30 am	Elvia Figueira Da Silva and all his family, living and dead. Fr Chris Jenkins 9 th Anniversary	
	Monday, Thursday	No 12 noon Mass		
	Saturday	No 12 noon Mass		
Weekday Masses	Tuesday	12 noon	Patrick McCloskey – Recently Deceased	
	Wednesday	12 noon	Florence Brenan	
	Friday	12 noon	Thanksgiving for grandchildren & and many blessing	
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	Vera Hogan - Anniversary	
	Sunday	11.30 am	People of the parish	

Peggy Donne. RIP. Our deepest sympathies to Peggy's brother, Cahal Kennedy, from Northampton, and his extended family and to her many friends. Her **private** Requiem Mass (for 30 people) will take place here on Thursday 27th August at 12.15 pm, prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium. Amongst those 30 people will be 6 Kennedy family, the organist, Frs Blaise and Jim. Georgina Lawson, organising arrangements here in Stockport, is trying to accommodate Peggy's friends and parishioners either here in church or at the Rowan Chapel at 1.45 pm. May she rest in peace.

SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION – 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. Presently the majority of us have to wear **face coverings** in CHURCH.
5. **SOME KNEELERS ARE TAPE 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 on Monday, Thursday or Saturday from 11.15 to 12.45. Lead Stewards - John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

Fr Con Botter, scj, Date of Birth: 10/11/1932. Professed 24/09/1954.
Date of death: 15/08/2020. Ordained 24/09/1960

We continue to remember in our prayers the soul of Fr Con Botter, scj, who died peacefully at Buckreddan Care Centre in Kilwinning on Saturday, 15th August, the feast of the Assumption in Scotland. Due to the restrictions regarding the corona-virus, visiting Fr Con had been difficult. In recent times a limited number of visitors were allowed, so fortunately two of his friends from his parish of St John Ogilvie, Bourtreehill, Irvine, were with him when he died. He had also been anointed by Canon Martin Poland, who visited him from time to time. We thank God for all the good work that he did during his life. He is fondly remembered by many people in the various places where he worked.

He served St Joseph's parish and local community from September 1989 to November 1996.

The Funeral Mass will be at St John Ogilvie's, Bourtreehill. Fr Jim will be concelebrating the Requiem Mass virtually on Monday 24th at 10 o'clock. Facebook details as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogilviechurchbourtreehill/photos/rpp.287046721718205/964886727267531/?type=3&theater>

Afterwards Fr Con will be buried in our Sacred Heart Fathers community plot at the cemetery in Kilwinning. Due to Covid-19. Fr John Kelly, our Provincial in Dublin, will be unable to be the chief concelebrant at the Requiem Mass. The same will apply to Fr Hugh Hanley. The Bishop of Galloway, Right Reverend William Nolan will celebrate the Funeral Mass. Fr Liam Rooney will concelebrate. A small gathering of parishioners with a few local clergy, will attend the Mass of just 20 people in Scotland.

Fr Con's family are unable to travel from Holland at this time, again due to the corona-virus situation.

We would like to thank the Sacred Heart Fathers community at Smithstone House, Kilwinning, and particularly Fr Liam Rooney, for his dedicated care of Con over the last few years.

Fr Hugh Hanley informs us that a few of Fr Con's parishioners are intending to read out some of the tributes which the former students wrote for Con a few years ago, their memories of him at Woodcote Hall seminary, Newport Shropshire. One of the "Woodcotians" had said "why do we wait until somebody has died before saying nice things about them". The parishioners who have been visiting Con regularly in recent years used to read out to him some of the tributes that had been written and it always made him perk up. When Hugh read them to him the first time a few years ago he had never seen him so animated and laugh as much for many a year.

This is what Hugh wrote to the parishioner who is co-ordinating the funeral: *Con was someone you couldn't help but admire. He was the most dynamic priest in our community. He was great for me when I was a boy at Woodcote seminary, a marvellous teacher and one who knew how to challenge you to grow. He left his mark wherever he went and he'll be sadly missed in many different places.*

I think he was most at home in St John Ogilvie's over his two periods of being there. He would have loved to have been able to stay on and spend his last days in the presbytery, but it would have been too difficult and I know that gave him a lot of sadness. The consolation is that he did seem to reach a level of peace this last year. When I saw him at the beginning of March just before the lockdown he seemed almost contented, even though it was obvious that he was failing more in different ways.

Let's keep Fr Con in our thoughts and prayers and know that now that he has been released from his trials he will be able to be present to us even more with his thoughts and prayers in the realms beyond.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

21st Sunday of year A Isaiah 22:19-23 · I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder
Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands. Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R

I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R

Romans 11:33-36 · All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia! 2 Cor 5:19

Matthew 16:13-20 You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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We pray for our sick: Margaret Edwards (The Meadows), Betty McIntosh & Patricia Mounsey (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.

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