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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

13 - 20 September 2020

Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	Bridget Elizabeth Martin. Fr Michael Walsh scj
	Sunday	11.30 am	Fr Con Botter, scj (MM), Peggy Donne (MM)
	Monday, Thursday	No 12 noon Mass	
	Saturday	No 12 noon Mass	
Weekday Masses	Tuesday	12 noon	Catherine 4/9 & Tom Barrow - 30/9 Anniversaries
	Wednesday	12 noon	Christina Mary Anyakwo – Rec Dec
	Friday	12 noon	Bernadette Taylor – speedy recovery
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	People of the parish.
	Sunday	11.30 am	John Garrigan intentions

SUNDAY OBLIGATION – The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays. The Bishops encourage the use of livestreamed Mass, the encouragement of prayer in the home and acts of spiritual communion for those unable to attend.

Website / Facebook / Zoom: When you visit our Website you will find we are on Facebook, and find details of how to join our parish coffee zoom on Sundays at 1.30 pm

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**.
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.

Lead Stewards - John Humphries / Dominic Wells / Fr Jim

FOOTSTEPS on **Thursday 24 September** at **7.45pm**, **Mary Hardiman** will open the scriptures for us and talk about a 'God-shaped hole' - in **St Peter's church in Hazel Grove** - limited places. Email footsteps2020@mail.com stating how many from your 'household'. The event will be streamed live www.stpeterscatholic.church/webcam. It will also be recorded. Comments or reactions to Mary's talk to our Email address during the talk or afterwards.

We pray for Fr Mike Dyson, John Garrigan, Marie Smalley, Tom Wallis, Gaye Howcroft-Jones, Alan Gell, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Margaret Edwards, Tina Labella, Vera Henderson, James Hayward, Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Maureen McCumesky, Bernadette Taylor.

24th (A) First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9 Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you;
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Romans 14:7-9 · Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Matthew 18:21-35 To be forgiven, you must forgive

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Lately Dead: Our sincere condolences to the family of **Christina Mary Anyakwo**, who died on 3rd

September. We pray for her children Alex, Julie, Diana and especially Anne resident in Nigeria. A private service will take place at the Rowan chapel crematorium on Wednesday at 2.30 pm. May she Rest In Peace.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Mary Murphy** (89), Hyde, who died at home on 29th August. Her graveside service at Southern cemetery will take place on **Thursday 24th September at 11.30 am**. As far as we know she has no family. She and her beloved Patrick (RIP 2001) used to run a public house in Hyde. Please contact us if you remember her from attending our 11.30 Mass on a Sunday. May she Rest In Peace.

Our **Car Park** is being used by the school from **8.40 to 9.20** and from **2.40 to 3.20**.