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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

20 – 27 September 2020

Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	People of the parish.
	Sunday	11.30 am	John Garrigan – Recently Deceased
	Monday, Thursday	No 12 noon Mass	
	Saturday	No 12 noon Mass	
Weekday Masses	Tuesday	12 noon	Aine O'Connor – 1 st Anniversary
	Wednesday	10.00 am	Mykola (Nick) Horiensky - Requiem
	Wednesday	12.00 noon	Mary Murphy - Recently Deceased
	Friday	12 noon	Fr Michael Hughes, scj 13/06/1930 - 25/09/2017
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	Patricia Heath - Anniversary. Parishioners
	Sunday	11.30 am	Deacon Terry Simms – 80 th Birthday

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

Mary Murphy, whose graveside funeral service will take place at Southern Cemetery on Thursday, 24th September at 11.30 am.

John Garrigan, whose private Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday, 24th September at 1.00 pm, prior to interment at Highfield at 2.00 pm.

Marie Smalley, for whom a private Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 29th September at 12 noon, and interment take place at Mill Lane at 1.30 pm

Peter Moran, 89 year old brother of Brother Richard Moran, scj, whose Requiem Mass will take place in Stoke on Monday 28th September.

Please be advised that the 12 noon Mass on Tuesday week, 29th September is a private Mass and not open to the general public because only 30 persons may attend funerals in church.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION – The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays.

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.

25th (A) **Isaiah 55:6-9** .

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R. *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Life to me is Christ; but death would bring me more

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia! (cf.Lk19:38,2:14)

Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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.

The **Wallis family** wish to thank our parishioners for their help and prayers at the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 6th September. It was much appreciated. Mass will be celebrated for your intentions.

