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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

SATURDAY 16 5.00 pm

SUNDAY 17 11.30 am

People of the Parish **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Joan Turmeau, who died 28/12/2020, mother of Mr Keith Turmeau,

Headteacher at Harrytown Catholic high school

Senor Santo Nino devotees intentions - see below

TUESDAY 19 12.00 noon

WEDNESDAY 12.00 noon

FRIDAY 22 12.00 noon

SATURDAY 23 5.00 pm

SUNDAY 24 11.30 am

Thomas Ah-Tou - Anniversary

Alan Gell intentions

Ron Rowan - Anniversary

Parishioners

Margaret Edwards RIP

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

During this new Lockdown St Joseph's can remain open for Masses, as above. However, you should not mix with anyone outside of your household or support bubble, and should maintain social distancing at all times. This applies inside and outside the church.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION This weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods. If parishioners wish to donate to the collection by Cheque, please make Cheque **payable to "Retired Priests' Fund"**. Any cash donation should be placed in an envelope marked "Retired Priests Fund" and placed in our regular collection basket / green bucket, at your convenience. Thank you.

Anniversaries: Christina Colley, Thomas Ah-Tou, Ron Rowan

Lately Dead: Helen Towey, Winnie Gildea and Ann Rose. RIP.

A cremation service, by invitation only, for Ann took place in the Cypress chapel during the week.

Our sincere condolences to her son Louis, who contacted a few parishioners to represent her large circle of parish friends at the family service. May she rest in peace. Amen.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher.

The closing date for applications is 25th January 2021.

For further information please visit one of the following websites -

School www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk

Diocese www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary

Local Authority www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies

The **Santo Niño de Cebú** is the title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It is the oldest Christian artifact in the Philippines. It depicts the Child Jesus, with a serene countenance, in the attitude and dress of a Spanish monarch. The annual feast of Sinulog is held today in its honor. The original image is permanently encased behind bulletproof glass inside its chapel within the Minor Basilica del Santo Niño

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Archbishop Philip Tartaglia** of Glasgow, **who was self-isolating after contracting Covid-19**; and the following day of **Bishop Vincent Logan**, the Emeritus Bishop of Dunkeld. May they rest in peace.

Priests have closed churches in: Macclesfield, Poynton, Runcorn, Neston, Wem and Mouldsworth.
PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES inside and outside our church in Stockport, especially SPACE.

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 · *'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

R. *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God

R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

R.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 ·

Do not sin against your own body

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

John 1:35-42 *'We have found the Messiah'*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Please let stewards know if and when you could bring **daffodils** to church in the coming weeks or phone.