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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

SATURDAY 23	5.00 pm	Parishioners intentions	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
SUNDAY 24	11.30 am	Susan Foster - Birthday Remembrance.	Margaret Edwards RIP
TUESDAY 26	12.00 noon	Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj	Anniversary of Ordination (2000)
WEDNESDAY	12.00 noon	Mary Kirkham	RIP
FRIDAY 29	12.00 noon	Peggy & Keith Ronald Donne	RIP
SATURDAY 30	5.00 pm	Vincent Collinge	Anniversary
SUNDAY 31	11.30 am	Fr Chris Jenkins - Ordination Anniversary.	Ann Rose – Months Mind

We pray for our sick: John Jenkins, Alan Gell, Tom Wallis, Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, Tina Labella, Vera Henderson, Maureen McCumesky

Anniversaries: Vincent Collinge, Keith Ronald Donne, Michael Dempsey, Fr Chris Jenkins, Bro Damian O'Sullivan, scj

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.

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

"A host of golden daffodils". Last Monday small groups of parishioners, socially distancing, at different times, put away the crib and Christmas tree, whilst others renewed the decorations on the pews. Others replaced the floral decorations with daffodils. Please let stewards know if and when you could bring **daffodils** to church in the coming week(s) or phone the presbytery. Will there be any daffodils around on 15 April, as in 1802, in Glencoyne Bay, Ullswater, in the Lake District? "The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Online giving to the Parish of St Joseph's, Stockport

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been created

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stjosephstockportdioceseofshrewsbury2183>

Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order. Thank you for your support. Fr Jim

Jonah 3:1-5,10*The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.

R.**1 Corinthians 7:29-31***The world as we know it is passing away*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it.

I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Mark 1:14-20*I will make you into fishers of men*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? It's Sunday of the Word of God. I've a suggestion – why not sign up to with our own home-grown Mission for Catechesis, to study the Word of God more deeply via our world-class library of formation resources. Register with our Catechetical partners at franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury. It's available to everyone! You can use as much or as little of the library of several hundred online workshops as you see fit - either alone, and ad hoc, or as part of a tailored track for your parish team. If you want to help us with the Mission's vision to form a new generation of evangelists, you could become a mentored student on the Diocesan Certification programme.

Your Diocesan mentor is available to help implement all options for the formation of ministers and catechists alike. You can contact him anytime at reuben.purchase@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Be the change you want to see! Please follow the Mission on our new website – www.weareallcatechists.com

And follow us on social media – <https://www.facebook.com/weareallcatechists>

<http://www.instagram.com/weareallcatechists>

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgLVgfUIN3HarGh2AP803qA>

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