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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Anniversaries: George & Christina Colley, Florence Wilson, Keith Ronald Donne, Martha Rattos
Lately Dead: Harry Smith, Paddy O'Neill, Maureen Ratford (nee Clarke), Joseph Slattery

Booking required for Mass & Distribution of Ashes.

(a) **On Line** via our website (please see above). (b) phone us.

(c) For our regular **Mass goers** there is a booking form available in church.

We would ask you to fill in the form or **let our stewards know verbally** that you intend to be present.

At the 12 noon Mass on Ash Wednesday the ashes will be blessed after the Gospel.

However, they will not be distributed until the end of Mass as the congregation leaves the church. Holy Communion will be distributed at the normal time.

Following the Prayer after Holy Communion and the final blessing, the priest will address all those present and only once says the formula applying it to all in general: "Repent and believe in the Gospel".

The priest puts on a face mask, cleanses his hands, and sprinkles the ashes on the head of each one without saying anything. This will take place at the altar. The congregation will be invited forward, bench by bench, to silently receive the ashes and then immediately leave the church.

Walsingham 2021 Pilgrimage

We postponed the 2020 pilgrimage to 2021 with provisional dates of 3 May to 6 May inclusive.

I have contacted Walsingham who were hoping to open at Easter but as yet are unable to give firm plans. There are also issues with the standard rooms. Under current restrictions bathrooms cannot be shared by more than 1 household. We may also have to use a second coach due to social distancing which will mean an increase in price.

If you booked a place for 2020 your deposit has been held over so you still have a space booked.
Please could I ask you to contact me on 07853176698 to confirm you still wish to go (subject to lockdown restrictions being lifted sufficiently) and also so I have your contact details. You can also email me directly shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com . May Our Lady of Walsingham keep you all in her prayers.

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Shelagh Humphries.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be live streamed on church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021. A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website. We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

My life is but a breath

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Psalm 146

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted,

he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. *R.*

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Jn8:12

Mark 1: 29-39

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Housekeeper required at St John's, 266 Wellington Road North, Stockport, SK4 2QR.

This is the home of Fr John Gaul, scj and Brother Richard Moran, scj.

Fr Jim (St Joseph's) oversees the general running of the Retirement Community and Provincialate.

Margaret Bennett has just retired from there after 12 years with the **Sacred Heart Fathers**.

Contract Type: Full Time, Permanent. **Closing Date:** 13 February 2021 **Salary:** £8.88 per hour.

Margaret's successor, just like Debbie Hurst at St Joseph's, are managed by the St John Of God Hospitaler Society. **Overview:** "We are looking for a Housekeeper to provide a high standard of care and maintenance, ensuring the involvement of the members of the Religious Community at all times.

Duties will include shopping for the Religious Community, cooking, cleaning and hospitality".

For further information and application details please go to St John Of God Hospitaler Society at
<https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/sjog/vms/e/careers/candidates/applications>

Please feel free to contact our Housekeeper, Debbie Hurst, at St Joseph's on 0161 480 3164, Tuesday to Thursday between 10 am and 2 pm for further clarification about the job at St John's.