

S T . J O S E P H ' S N E W S L E T T E R no 12/37 Happy St Valentine's Day 2021

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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

SATURDAY 13 5.00 pm Joyce Hannon - Anniversary Martha Rattos - Anniversary
SUNDAY 14 11.30 am Mr Anthony Idehen, who died on Wednesday. O'Hare family Deceased
TUESDAY 16 12.00 noon Margaret Clarke Birthday Remembrance

ASH WEDNESDAY 12.00 noon Paddy O'Neill Recently Deceased
ASH WEDNESDAY 07.00 pm Mary Kirkham RIP

FRIDAY 19 12.00 noon Mary Thomas 2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY 20 5.00 pm John Ferguson and Mary Matthews – both Birthday Remembrances
SUNDAY 21 11.30 am People of the Parish.

Ash Wednesday 17 February. Booking is required for the 12 noon Mass please.

(a) On Line via our website. (b) phone us. (c) Use a booking form in church.

The 7.00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday does not need to be booked.

The Women of St Joseph's group will have the front door of the church open and welcome you from 6 pm

At the Masses on Ash Wednesday ashes will be blessed after the Gospel. They will be distributed at the end of Mass. 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 to silently receive the ashes and then immediately leave the church, as directed.

Anniversaries: Joyce Hannon, Martha Rattos John Ferguson, Mary Thomas, Mary Matthews

Lately Dead: Mr Anthony Idehen, Joseph Slattery, Maureen Ratford, Paddy O'Neill, Vinnie.

Parking on Tatton Street. Double yellow lines, **plus** a single yellow stripe on the pavement, were painted on our end of Tatton Street on Friday 5th February. **The times at which restrictions apply for such extra road markings will eventually be displayed.** It is likely to be the same as the revised one on Etchells Street, namely Monday to Friday: 8.00 to 9.30 am and 2.00 to 4.00 pm, for the safety of our school community. Until we get some clarification on this matter, we will try to accommodate blue badge holders in the square to the right of the main entrance to the church. **Do not park** in the private car park in Tatton Street, beside the church; it could turn out to be quite expensive!

DAFFODILS: as we approach Ash Wednesday and Lent we wish to thank all those who brightened up our place of public worship with daffodils in the past four weeks.

Anthony Idehen. RIP. We extend our sincere condolences to Justin Idehen on the death of his father Anthony, this past Wednesday. We pray for the happy repose of his soul.

We also remember in our prayers Justin, his wife Charlotte, and their children and extended family.

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46*The unclean man must live outside the camp*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Psalm 31**R.** *You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R.**

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 - *Take me for your model, as I take Christ*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.

Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God;

just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

cf. Ep1:17,18**Mark 1:40-45***The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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. Shelagh Humphries.

THE VACCINE The Bishops Conferences of England and Wales and of Scotland have issued statements indicating the moral acceptability of receiving the vaccine. We as clergy can clearly say that receiving a vaccine accords with Catholic teaching and morality; and we can of course point you to the example of our Holy Father and indeed of Emeritus Pope Benedict who have both received the vaccine. Fr Jim received it at Whalley Range Tennis Club on Sunday 24th January. All other recipients there at the same time were from the Greater Stockport area. A few days later he received another invite via email. Out of curiosity he opened it but deleted it as soon as he was asked to share his credit / debit card details. So please watch out for the scam emails on any matters.