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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

SATURDAY	27	5.00 pm	Alan Gell intentions
SUNDAY	28	11.30 am	Frances Bellis and Cecilia Walsh 1 st Anniversaries
TUESDAY	02	12.00 noon	Ursula Dziedzinski 1 st Anniversary
WEDNESDAY		12.00 noon	Ann Rose RIP
FRIDAY	05	12.00 noon	Book of Remembrance
SATURDAY	06	5.00 pm	Pat Marsland - Recently Deceased. Matthew Matthews - Anniversary
SUNDAY	07	11.30 am	Keech & Heslop families intentions

We pray for our sick: Michael O'Neill (Cavan), Sarah Paul, 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: Ursula Dziedzinski, Cecilia Walsh, Frances Bellis, Matthew Matthews

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 was created in 2020:

<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

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH.

Pope Francis Apostolic Letter (08/12/20) *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), forms the basis this year of the St Joseph’s Missionary Society Novena reflections on the life of Jesus’ earthly father. Here in Stockport may the praying of this Novena guide and inspire us into a closer relationship with this model of all earthly parenthood. May this model be, as Pope Francis puts it, a “sign” pointing to a greater fatherhood, that of the “heavenly Father”. May this Novena be a means of grace and consolation to all who have suffered bereavement and loss during this pandemic.

St Joseph's Missionary Society Novena of Masses to St Joseph will be available to view on Zoom, via the St. Joseph's Parish, **Maidenhead** website, <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/>

Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th March – 7:30 pm **Saturday 13th March – 10:00 am**

Sunday 14th March – 11:00 am **Monday 15th to Thursday 18th March – 7:30 pm**

Novena Prayer Leaflets for 10 – 18 March are available by St Joseph's shrine as well as by the Sacred Heart shrine where you exit the church. The Novena leaflet is also on our own Website.

We have had some uplifting displays in the shrine over the years. Any temporary ideas for the shrine linking 18th March and 1st May, mindful that people should not touch anything therein during the pandemic? Please keep your ideas coming in.

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 · *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith* **2nd Sunday in Lent (B)**
God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Psalm 115 **R.** **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted,’
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord’s name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

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Romans 8:31-34 · *God did not spare his own Son*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:
‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Glory and praise to you, O Christ! **Mt17:5**

Mark 9:2-10 *This is my Son, the Beloved*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

Lenten Retreat - Mgr. John Armitage, Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, is leading a Lenten Retreat on all the **Mondays** of Lent. Retreat Talk is at 7pm and is followed either by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Holy Mass which will be announced in advance. You attend the Retreat by going to the parish utube channel - St. Margaret and All Saints
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5ckD0a-Up9-FZcqsbt7QDXQ>