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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

SATURDAY	06	5.00 pm	Pat Marsland - Recently Deceased. Matthew Matthews - Anniversary
SUNDAY	07	11.30 am	Keech & Heslop families intentions
TUESDAY	09	12.00 noon	Fr Jerry Sheehy, scj (Ann)
WEDNESDAY		12.00 noon	Vinnie RIP. Novena Adoration at 6 and Mass at 7.00
THURSDAY	11		Novena Adoration at 6 and Mass at 7.00
FRIDAY	12		Novena Adoration at 11.30 and Mass at 12 noon. Raftery Family intentions
SATURDAY	13	5.00 pm	Alan Gell intentions Sunday 11.30 am In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima

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. We are using their Novena leaflet. Also 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/> Wed 10th to Fri 12th March – 7:30 Sat 13th March – 10 am

Novena Prayer Leaflets for 10 – 18 March are available by St Joseph's shrine as well as by the Sacred Heart shrine. You will also find it on our website.

St. Joseph sleeping!!!!!!!!!!!!

When Pope Francis' addressed families in Manila in 2015 he spoke about his great devotion to St. Joseph. "I would also like to tell you something very personal. I have great love for St. Joseph because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it!

In other words, I tell him: pray for this problem!" Pope Francis said he can sleep peacefully at the end of the day after he entrusts these special intentions to St. Joseph, and on another occasion told a conference of religious superiors that now St. Joseph "sleeps on a mattress of notes!"

If you have access to the internet, you can watch 'The statue of St. Joseph sleeping that Pope Francis keeps in his room' at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvb2mauxcvc>

For ideas to share with children go to:

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2017/03/sleeping-st-joseph.html>

Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favoured by the Most High.

The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family.

You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear Saint Joseph, as you rest in the Lord,

confident of His absolute power and goodness look upon me.

Please take my need into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. O help me then, good St.

Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, I love you. Amen.

If you have any worries, concerns, or problems you wish to entrust to the **Sleeping St. Joseph**, write them on a piece of paper and place them in the basket at the feet of St. Joseph as you leave church.

Each week we will pray for these intentions at our Friday Noon Mass.

Exodus 20:1-17 *The Law given at Sinai***3rd Sunday in Lent (B)**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Psalm 18**R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.****1 Corinthians 1:22-25** - *The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! **Jn11:25, 26**

John 2:13-25*Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES **Week beginning Palm Sunday, 28th March 2021**

Please note that you will need to use our **booking** service for the following:

Palm Sunday at 5 pm Vigil and 11.30 am

Holy Thursday at 7.30 pm

Good Friday at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil at 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday at 11.30 am

Like we did for Christmas:

you can book via our website

you can pick up a form at church

you will need to let us know if others will accompany you

We could do with another half dozen people to assist our stewards welcome parishioners and direct them to the place assigned to them during these Holy Week Services. **Please** let one of our stewards know if and when you could help with stewarding any of these ceremonies. Thanks on behalf of those who can't!!