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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**SATURDAY 5.00 pm** Gordan Philips RIP    **SUNDAY 11.30 am** Ann Rose RIP

**TUESDAY 23 12 noon** Michael Dolan-Birthday. **CHURCH OPEN 11.30 to 12.30. SEE BELOW.**

**WEDNESDAY 12.00** Jean Moore (Anniversary)    **Adoration at 6 pm and Mass at 7.00**

**THURSDAY 25 Adoration at 6 pm** and Mass at **7.00** on the Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord.

**FRIDAY 26 12.00 noon** Intentions of ML

**SATURDAY 27 5.00 pm** Moira Simons Recently Deceased.    **Clocks go forward.**

**Palm Sunday 11.30 am** Deceased members of Linnane and Regan families deceased.

The shorter form of the Passion will be read by the celebrant and a few others, but with no participation by the faithful (no turba / crowd parts) – due to Covid 19.

**Blessed palms** will be handed out as parishioners leave the church. Stewards will wear gloves for this.

**WALSINGHAM 2022.** Due to the government restrictions, I have had to cancel the 2021 Walsingham pilgrimage. I have confirmation of new dates for 2022 and we will be extending the pilgrimage to five days. The new dates are: Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May 2022. The cost will be £330 per person in ensuite rooms and £270 in standard rooms. This is for bed, breakfast and evening meal and includes the cost of the coach. I am trying to contact everyone who had booked and paid a deposit for 2020 over the next couple of weeks or they can contact me on 07853176698. Thanks. Shelagh Humphries  
May Our Lady of Walsingham keep you all in her prayers.

**PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY:** The linked parishes of **Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose, and St. Vincent de Paul, Stockport**, are looking to recruit a second Parish Secretary to assist in providing administrative and secretarial support required to ensure the smooth running of the Parish and to enable the Parish Priest to carry out his Parish responsibilities. Closing date for completed applications: Friday 30 April 2021. Copies of the job description and application form are obtainable from any of our websites: <http://ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/>; <http://stvincentbramhall.org/>; <http://www.stambrosechurch.org.uk/> and completed applications should be emailed to [stockport3parishes@gmail.com](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com)

**BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for April 2021 to April 2022 are now available in church. "Name" only boxes are displayed in Alphabetical Order, from left to right, on a large trestle table by the Sacred Heart Statue shrine. Alternatively, our stewards will be happy to bring them to you in your seat. Parishioners who are unable to attend church at the moment will have their delivered. Many thanks to those who, especially in the past year, have changed over to a Standing Order. Also the diocese have informed us of others who donate on line, and the Diocese Transfer these monies to our parish A/C.

**Tuesday 23 March:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP are inviting Catholics to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday 23 March. They are urging us to make the National Day of Reflection on COVID-19 a day of prayer as well as a day of reflection. "For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon". For this intention we will have our regular Adoration this week on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.30 to 12 noon**. We will **also** do so at our evening Adoration on **Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 pm** prior to Mass at 7, on the Eve and Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord.

**5th Sunday of Lent****Jeremiah 31:31-34** ·*I will write my Law in their hearts*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

**Psalm 50 R.** *A pure heart create for me, O God.***Hebrews 5:7-9** ·*He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

**Glory to you, O Christ**, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! **Jn12:26**

**John 12:20-33***If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. **R.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Attendance at St Joseph’s in HOLY WEEK, beginning next Sunday, requires BOOKING:**

**Palm Sunday** at 5 pm Vigil and 11.30 am*you can book via our website***Holy Thursday** at 7.30 pm*you can pick up a form at church***Good Friday** at 3.00 pm*you will need to let us know if others will accompany you***Easter Vigil** at 7.00 pm**Easter Sunday** at 11.30 am

We could do with another half dozen people to assist our 11 stewards to 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. **Thank you** on behalf of those who cannot act as stewards because of age or health.

**Do Please let us know if you need to cancel a booking.**

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, on the right hand side of the sanctuary.

Each week we will pray for these intentions at our Friday Noon Mass. St Joseph, our Protector, pray for us.