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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**PALM SUNDAY 5.00** (Vigil) Moira Simons RIP. **11.30** Linnane and Regan families deceased.  
Tuesday of Holy week **12 noon Mass** Jane Dickinson intentions (birthday).  
**Spy Wednesday 12 Mass**, Barbara Wharmby (Anniversary). Fr Chris Jenkins (Birthday Remembrance)  
Also Wednesday at 3.000 pm Chrism Mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral via Livestream link:

<https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org/live-stream-mass>

**Booking required for the following:** *you can book via our website or use a form at church.*

**Holy Thursday** at 7.30 pm

**Good Friday** at 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil** at 7.00 pm

**Easter Sunday** at 11.30 am

**Retiring Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places.**

*We are pleased to let you know that a digital Holy Week issue of "Magnificat" is available, free, at the following link:* <https://uk.magnificat.net/holyweek>

Even at this late stage we will welcome 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 already made.**

**Sister Gertrude Geoghegan RIP.** Our sincere condolences to the Sisters of Evron, Brinnington, on the sudden death on Tuesday of Sister Gertrude Geoghegan. May she rest in peace. We recall her devoted service at Saint Bernadette's Parish in Brinnington from 1997 onwards. We commend Sister Gertrude and her community to your prayers.

**Lenten Retreat** - Mgr. John Armitage, Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, concludes a Lenten Retreat this **Monday**. Retreat Talk is at 7pm and is followed by a special Mass as it is the First Anniversary of the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. You attend the Retreat by going to the parish utube channel - St. Margaret and All Saints <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5ckD0a-Up9-FZcqs7QDXQ>

**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

**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)

**Isaiah 50***I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, o listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Psalm 21****R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

**R.**

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones.

**R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

**R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.**

**Philippians 2:6-11***Christ humbled himself but God raised him high*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

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**Phil2:8-9**

**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, 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.

**BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** April 2021 to April 2022. Our stewards will be happy to bring your "Name only" set to you in your seat. Parishioners who are unable to attend church at the moment will have theirs 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.

<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.

**Church Boiler update.** We were informed during the week that a replacement flue had been delivered to McQuillan Boilers Ltd. However, it was discovered, at their headquarters, that it was the wrong size for our boiler house and chimney. A correct size one was awaited. Many thanks to an anonymous donation of £100.00 and £50.00 transfer to our parish a/c by our Ukrainian Community.