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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

4 – 11 April 2021 - Easter Sunday - Happy Easter to you all.

SATURDAY	3	7.00 pm	Parishioners Easter intentions.	Cyril and Marie Wharmby RIP
SUNDAY	4	11.30 am	Anthony Wright intentions (Church).	Parishioners Easter intentions (Hall)
TUESDAY	6	12.00 noon	Mary Woodland intentions (100 last February) – mum of Sue (Bingo!!)	
WEDNESDAY		12.00 noon	Alan Gell – in thanksgiving	
FRIDAY	9	12.00 noon	Fr Jerry Sheehy, scj - anniversary	
SATURDAY	10	5.00 pm	People of the Parish	
SUNDAY	11	11.30 am	Ciss Gibbons - Anniversary	

We pray for our sick: Frank Kenny, Clare Graham and Margaret Wooley (both nee Kenny), Gerard Kenny, John Jenkins, Alan Gell, Tom Wallis, Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Tina Labella, Vera Henderson, Maureen McCumesky, Sarah Paul.

Anniversaries: Fr Owen Wynne, scj, Fr Jim Boyd, scj

Lately Dead: Sister Gertrude Geoghegan, Canon Brendan Hoban, Deacon Philip White

Sister Gertrude Geoghegan RIP. Our sincere condolences to the Sisters of Evron, Brinnington, on the sudden death recently 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. The details of her funeral are as follows: Requiem Mass at 10.30 am at Saint Bernadette's Brinnington on 9th April. **Attendance is by invitation only.** The Mass can be followed on the link: [Here is the link for the live stream https://youtu.be/hyphfU7zU48](https://youtu.be/hyphfU7zU48)

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. All the parishes in and around Stockport are grateful to Our Lady's for coordinating the distribution of our diocesan Catholic Voice, Diocesan Year Books as well as other printed material from various bodies that help the parishes with evangelisation, etc.

The Regina Caeli is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice alleluia.
R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For Christ, your Son, has risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the whole world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant we beseech you, that through the prayers of His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph

(This Year of St Joseph was recommended to Bishop Mark & Pope Francis by our WOSJ) last September.)

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.

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>

"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.

Parking on Tatton Street. Double yellow lines, **plus** a single yellow stripe on the pavement, were painted on our end of Tatton Street in February. Our dutiful traffic wardens assure us that a sign will eventually be erected giving **the times at which restrictions apply for such extra road markings.** The times are the same as on the revised sign 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. **So blue badge holders may park beside the church at all other times**, but **not** on the right hand bollard side of the street – we need access 24/7.