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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

11 – 18 April 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

SATURDAY 5.00 pm Fr Jim Boyd , scj – Anniversary. **SUNDAY 11.30 am** Ciss Gibbons - Anniversary
Tuesday **12pm** Michael Joseph Martin - Ann. Wednesday **12pm** Vincent Patrick Gibbons-Rec Deceased
No Mass Monday or Thursday. Friday **12pm** Intentions of TL
SATURDAY 5.00 pm Allan - (B/day) & Frania Gell - Wedding Ann **SUNDAY 11.30 am**

Lately Dead: **His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip R.I.P** Canon Brendan Hoban RIP.
Deacon Philip White whose Requiem Mass will be offered on Friday 16th April at 12.00
noon at Saint John's, New Ferry. A livestream link is being prepared. Please keep Deacon Philip in your
prayers together with Sara and the family

Canon Brendan Hoban (1934 – 2021) RIP. He died in Holy Week. His mortal remains will be received at
Sacred Heart, Moreton on Monday 12th April with Mass at 7.00pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at
Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch, Birkenhead on **Tuesday, 13th April at 12.45pm** to allow family
and parishioners to follow the Mass by livestream. This will allow his family, unable to travel from Ireland
and many parishioners and friends to follow the Requiem Mass via the livestream provision at Saint
Michael and All Angels. He served as Parish Priest of St Philip's, Offerton (1972 - 1983)

His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip R.I.P

"At this moment of sadness and loss I pray for the repose of the soul of Prince Philip, Her Majesty the
Queen's faithful and loyal husband. I pray for the Queen and all of the Royal Family.

"How much we will miss Prince Philip's presence and character, so full of life and vigour. He has been an
example of steadfast loyalty and duty cheerfully given. May he rest in peace." + Vincent Nichols
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

Easter Octave (4-11 April): On this 2nd Sunday of Easter we conclude the Solemnity of Easter.
Frs Blaise and Jim, and Deacon Terry thank you sincerely for your many greetings, Easter eggs and
donations. On behalf of the parish community a big thank you to our florist, church cleaners – inside and
outside, ribbon decorators, our music ministry and readers. And once again we thank our stewards for
giving of their time and patience to keep us safe and well and accommodating as many as possible.
Apologies to those we had to say no to on the phone or via the website. On the Friday and Sunday the
church & Hall were full to covid capacity.

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.

Acts 4:32-35 - *The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Psalm 117 **R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

R.

1 John 5:1-6 - *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia! (Jn20:29)

John 20:19-31 *Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

HOLY WATER At our Easter Vigil we humbly asked the Lord our God to bless water he had created, which *normally* would be sprinkled upon us in church or we could bless ourselves as we enter church. We asked the Lord our God to renew us, that we may remain faithful to the Spirit whom we have received. During the Octave of Easter people have bottled some of this water and brought it home. For the time being Fr Blaise and I suggest, for those who wish: on the weekend of 1st / 2nd May to bring a bottle of water to church and place it on a table at the front of the altar on your own small table mat or coloured piece of paper. At the beginning of Mass the priest will bless those bottles of water. These can be collected at the end of mass, under the supervision of our dutiful stewards.