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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**3rd Sunday of Easter Year B**

**Saturday 5.00 His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip.** Allan (b/day) & Frania Gell - (wedding ann)

**Sunday 11.30** Sean Gibbons - Anniversary

Tuesday 12 pm Joyce Hannon – Anniversary

Wednesday 12 pm Anne Rushe - Anniversary

Friday 12 pm Catherine Martin Intentions

**Saturday 24 5.00 pm** Frank Wilson intentions

**Sunday 11.30** Frank Wilson intentions

**We pray for our sick:** Frank Wilson, Katherine Peers, Winifred Leanaghan, 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. **Anniversaries:** Sean Gibbons, Joyce Hannon, Anne Rushe. **Lately Dead:** Helen King

**FRANK WILSON ICU Stepping Hill Hospital.** We continue to pray for Frank Wilson who, last Tuesday around 11.15, had a bad fall at the junction of High Bankside and St Petersgate. He had possibly climbed the steps from Underbank. A lady driving up from Mersey Square car park spotted him lying on the pavement on her righthand side. She was the first of three passersby who administered CPR, following instructions from the ambulance service until the latter arrived; the third passerby was a doctor. We are indebted to all three. Fr Jim attended the scene, observing Covid regulations, until a pulse was found and Frank was placed in the ambulance. He was attended to in A&E before being transferred to ICU. A brain scan seems to suggest that his head injuries preceded his heart condition. As we go to print (Friday) we hear that he has some movement in his toes. His coma situation will be closely observed over the next few days. May Our Lady of Walsingham, St Francis and St Joseph pray for him.

**Novena Prayer to St Joseph by Pope Francis**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

**Thursday 22 – Friday 30 April.**

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.    Amen

*Pope Francis included the prayer at the end of his Apostolic Letter declaring the Year of St. Joseph and remembering the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.*

**Give Graciously** *Presents Clear Hope* A moment of clarity in a time of need. Coronavirus has affected everyone. Approximately 107,385 people are claiming unemployment in Manchester alone. We aim to feed over 400 families affected by this global pandemic. St Joseph's Car Park (Parish Hall if weather is inclement) will host an event on Saturday, our Patronal Feastday, May 1st from 2.30 to 4.00 pm. Three people will man a stall at the presbytery end of the car park, which will be cordoned off. People will have their temperature tested by a Senior nurse. They will then be invited to "socially distance" walk past a table, make an offering, and receive an environmentally friendly paper bag containing a sample of "food bags" given to families in need, e.g. Pasta, Eggs, Rice, Flour, Fruit and more. Donations may be handed in to St Joseph's, marked "Give Graciously".

Let us unite and pray to achieve a brighter future for our children and our generations to come.

**Acts 3:13-15,17-19***You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Psalm 4***R/. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R/**  
 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R/**  
 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R/**  
 I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R/**

**1 John 2:1-5***Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia! (Lk24:32)

**Luke 24:35-48***It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**HANDS****FACE****SPACE****FRESH AIR**

**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). 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.