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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Saturday 1st May 5 Canon Brendan Hoban (Months Mind) **Sunday 11.30** Deacon Philip White (MM)
Ukrainian Easter Ceremonies: Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 May at 2.00 pm

Tuesday 4th 12 pm Kathleen Peers RIP

Wednesday 12 pm Frank Wilson RIP

Thursday 10 am Frank Wilson Requiem Mass. Attendance by Invitation only.

Thursday 12 noon Kathleen Peers Requiem Mass. Attendance by Invitation only

Friday 7th 12 pm Gerry Murray - Recently Deceased

Saturday 5 pm Thanksgiving for Frania Sunday 11.30 Eileen Gleeson - Anniversary

ASCENSION THURSDAY falls on **13th** May. Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday 12th May at 12 noon and 7.00 pm

Thursday 13th at 12 noon

We pray for our sick: Vera Henderson, 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, Maureen McCumesky.

Anniversary: Fr Gerard Jordan and Fr Patrick O'Sullivan, scj, Matthew Matthews, Simon Thomas.

Lately Dead: Kathleen Peers, Frank Wilson, Gerry Murray, Sean Carolan

Maria Szalwa, Poland (Mother of Fr Marian, St John Vianney Parish, Ardlea, Dublin)

Kathleen Peers RIP

Our sincere condolences to the family of Kathleen Peers on yet another sudden death in the parish. It has been good seeing Kathleen at Church especially in Lockdown. Her last visit was on Good Friday with her family. Then her health deteriorated that Easter weekend and she ended up in Stepping Hill.

Funeral arrangements: Reception into Church on Wednesday, 5th May at 6.00 pm.

Requiem Mass on Thursday at 12 noon, prior to committal at 1.30.

Frank Wilson RIP

We continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Frank Wilson who died on 19th April.

His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on Thursday 6th May at 10 o'clock, prior to committal at Stockport Crematorium shortly after 11.15.

Harrytown Catholic High School have a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain.

LAY CHAPLAIN JOB DESCRIPTION: JOB PURPOSE: To work with staff to ensure the Catholic ethos of the school is maintained and spiritual values are safeguarded; to ensure Liturgical celebrations are promoted, the pastoral needs of the school are met and links are made between the parish, home and other local faith and community groups; to lead the SVP group in the school and work closely with its members. Details are on the school website. <http://www.harrytownschool.org>

Acts 9:26-31*Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 21*R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!

R/.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R/.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.'

R/.**1 John 3:18-24***The commandment of faith and love*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia! **Jn15:4,5**

John 15:1-8 I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.

IN INDIA a second wave of coronavirus is having a devastating impact. With hospitals overrun and oxygen supplies falling short of demand, thousands of people are not able to receive potentially life-saving treatment. Several cities have imposed lockdowns and curfews, which have a knock-on effect for people's livelihoods, with the poorest and most marginalised communities being hit hardest.

DONATIONS towards India's plight may be handed in in an envelope marked "India" during the coming week or placed in the collection basket / bucket next weekend. We will then forward it to our own Fr Tim Greenway, Mill Hill Missions, Hyderabad Area, India.

CONIFERS at the top end of the car park, along Fletcher Street, will be topped and pruned on Saturday 8th May.

EVERY**VACCINE****GIVES****US****HOPE**