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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Pentecost Sunday Year B

Saturday 5 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 11.30 am David Leigh - Recently Deceased

Tuesday 25th 12 noon Shaun McCann RIP

Wednesday 26th 12 noon William and Frances Moore - Anniversary

Friday 28th 12 noon Christine Mullin RIP

Saturday 5pm Kathleen Peers - Recently Deceased. Sunday 11.30 Frank Wilson - Recently Deceased.

We pray for our sick: James Hayward, 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: William and Frances Moore

Lately Dead: Heather Hayward (wife of the above James), Charlie Coyle, David Leigh, Cornelius Reilly.

PENTECOST. We have been praying, in anticipation, asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now, that's so central to our faith. It's the Holy Spirit that gives life to the Church that gave that first impetus to the gathering of the disciples and Mary to go out and to begin the proclamation of the Gospel – the Good News that only Jesus Christ brings into this world. And so we pray for a strengthening in that spirit in our effort to announce the Gospel in word and in deed. It's really important that we use this period, Pentecost, to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us. It's a time in which we receive. You know, we cannot ever earn our salvation, we have to receive it, and we receive best with open hands and an open heart.

The Holy Spirit is God's power, sustaining the created world in being. It's the Holy Spirit that transformed what we call the 'chaos' into the 'cosmos' – the ordered world. What better time than now for us to be thinking about how we cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit in protecting, enhancing our natural environment – the world – because it is our human environment. In caring for the world, we care for each other. In caring for each other, we care for the Creator and show Him our respect, our deference, our service. (Cardinal Vincent Nichols – edited).

Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Our Young Adults Programme is back with a new look... **The Living Room** a place to gather, grow and journey together in faith.

We have re-introduced our programme for young adults with a new look but with the same friendship, fun and faith we have been enjoying since January. The Living Room is a space for young adults to gather, grow and journey together in faith and friendship. We are inviting young adults (10+) to join us on the last Thursday of each month from 7pm. We'll have discussions, questions, time to chat and just be together. Most importantly there will be space to connect with God in the midst of our busy lives. If you fall into this age group, or know someone who does, please get in touch with us for details. The group currently meets virtually via Zoom but we hope that when circumstances allow, we will be able to meet in person!

The dates are **27th May**, 24th June, 29th July and 26th August

(you don't have to commit to all the dates, come for one or come for all!). youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for Our Lady's, St Ambrose, St Vincent's and St Joseph's will be celebrated on Thursday 9th December, 7pm, at Our Lady's Shaw Heath. Please contact Fr Jim if you are now in Year 7 or above and you wish to take part in the preparation and celebration of this Sacrament.

Acts 2:1-11 ·

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Psalm 103

R/. Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

R/.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

R/.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

R/.

Galatians 5:16-25 ·

If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'

SACRED HEART FATHERS – A MONTH OF PRAYER

Mass will be celebrated each day during the month of June, for your intentions, by Fr John Gaul, scj, at our Provincial / Retirement House, Stockport. A form for your intentions, and an addressed envelope, are available in Church or sacristy. Please list your intentions and forward them to the address or leave it in the sacristy or collection basket. Bro Richard will represent us at that daily June Mass. Fr Jim is a regular visitor to our Retirement Home. Our new housekeeper, Maggie Wragg has settled in well. Our Provincial secretaries, twins Celia and Clare, are also regular visitors from Warwick.