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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday	5.00 pm	Charlie Coyle – Recently Deceased
Sunday	11.30 am	People of the parish.

Tuesday 15th	12 noon	Craig Dodds RIP
Wednesday 16th	12 noon	George and Vera Jenkins

Friday 12 noon m Bridget Dempsey – Anniversary. Fr Liam Rooney, scj Ordination Anniversary (2002)
Saturday 5.00 pm Glynis Hodkinson. Sunday 11.30 am Bernard & Eileen Sharrocks – Golden Jubilee

Lately Dead: Padraic Mennelly, Sheila Richards, Glynis Hodkinson

Anniversaries: Bridget Dempsey, Mary Flannery

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

Please Join Us... We would like to invite you to an informal dementia awareness session

It will be a chance to share experiences and learn more about topics such as: How to live well with dementia / Housing options / How funding health and social care works / Why having a power of attorney is important. Support for the daily challenges that dementia brings / Ways to look after yourself if you are a carer.

Led by Diane Browczuk, a Regulated Social Worker with first hand experience of caring for a loved one with demementia. To be held at St Peters, Hazel Grove on Thursday 17th June at 14.00

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. Please may we also make a plea for any volunteers who might be able to spare a couple of hours every week to help as a Catechist? We would be extremely grateful. The sessions are provisionally scheduled to run from 2nd September to 6th December 2021 at Our Lady's. Training and support will be available. Our previous proposed Confirmation for students from Our Lady's and St Joseph's in July 2019 had to be postponed due to the date clashing with some possible year 9 candidates being on a school trip. We need to know numbers asap so that the Diocese can plan ahead accordingly.

SACRED HEART FATHERS – A MONTH OF PRAYER. Mass is celebrated each day during this month, 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.

Guild of Our Lady Mother of Priests is a new spiritual initiative inviting parishioners, religious and clergy to pray for the sanctification of priests. The inspiration for the establishment of the Guild has come from a parish in Shropshire in conjunction with their parish priest. Members of the Guild are simply asked to pray for priests for a few minutes each day using one of the Guild's prayer cards which will be available at the back of church from, Tuesday 22nd June.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 *I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Psalm 91 R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 - *We want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia! Jn15:15

Mark 4:26-34 *The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Stockport Prayer Walk at 6.30pm on 30th June 2021 in Partnership with Renew Stockport. Join us as we take a short walk around Stockport – looking back, looking around, and looking forward to what God is doing in our town. Followed by refreshments at Renew Stockport, Wellington Street at 7.45pm. **Meeting Point** – 6.15pm opposite Costa Coffee at Peel Centre, 5 Great Portwood Street, Stockport SK1 2BZ. (free parking at Peel Centre after 5pm). Please email your friends. If possible, email anne.rodger@rev320.org if you intend to join us – but if you decide on the last minute, come anyway! You will be very welcome.

STOCKPORT PRAYER BREAKFAST. (Part of Renew – Prayer for Stockport). Thursday, 1st July 2021. St Mary's in the Marketplace, Churchgate, Stockport, SK1 1YG. Praying for rebuilding and renewal of both Church and community after the pandemic. Light Breakfast at 7.30am; Programme - 8am to 9.00am.

Ss PETER & PAUL, Holyday of Obligation

Evening Mass of the Vigil on Monday, 28th June at 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 29th June, Mass at 12 noon.