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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**Day for Life: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.**

Saturday 5.00 pm Glynis Hodkinson - Recently Deceased. Bridget Dempsey - Anniversary  
Sunday 11.30 am Tom Wallis - Recently Deceased. Bernard & Eileen Sharrocks – Golden Jubilee  
Tuesday 22nd 12 noon Alan Gell intentions  
Wednesday 23rd 12 noon John Crannage, Martin, Bridie and Deborah Barry, Mick Lee  
Friday 12pm Mary Flannery - (Ann). 1.30 Nuptial Mass: Laura Coupe & Kieran Smith. By invitation only.  
Saturday 26th 5.00 pm Eric Miller – Recently Deceased.  
Sunday 27th 11.30 am Eric Bradley - Anniversary

**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.

**Lately Dead:** Tom Wallis, Eric Miller, Glynis Hodkinson. **Anniversaries:** Eric Bradley, Bridget Dempsey, Mary Flannery, John Crannage, Martin, Bridie and Deborah Barry, Mick Lee

**TOM WALLIS RIP**

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Tom Wallis, who died peacefully at home last Wednesday night surrounded by his family. He had received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Last Rites a week earlier. We pray for his wife Molly and the family who were present as he passed away. RIP

**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 are available at the back of church.

**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](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 For catering purposes definite numbers are required by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June including the names of any guests. Please simply communicate your acceptance to 0161 282 5523 or 07504 130749 or [kevin.mckenna70@ntlworld.com](mailto:kevin.mckenna70@ntlworld.com). All are grateful to the Rector, Rev Lynne Cullens for hosting the Breakfast at the Church without cost. Finally, Mike Newman has posted a short video invite on Facebook and YouTube <https://youtu.be/1qESIGIOhYU>

**Happy Father's Day**

**Job 3:1. 8-11** - *From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

**Psalm 106**

**R. O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep.

**R.**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea

up to heaven and back into the deep; their souls melted away in their distress.

**R.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed.

**R.**

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired.

Let them thank the Lord for his love, for the wonders he does for men.

**R.**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-17** - *We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia! Ep1:17,18

**Mark 4:35-41**

*'Even the wind and the sea obey him'*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

**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.

**FIRST FORGIVENESS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.** Last March we announced on our school website that provisionally we hoped to celebrate First Forgiveness on 22/06/21 for Year 4 children and their First Holy communion on 10/07/21. In mid-May we put the Forgiveness back to 6th July. However, at a recent meeting between Miss Angeline, Monica Ferguson and Fr Jim we reflected on the situation regarding Covid 19 in the North West and decided it was not wise to go ahead with these celebrations before the school holidays. We will reconsider the situation at the beginning the new academic year.