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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

Saturday 26th 5pm Eric Miller – Recently Deceased. Sunday 11.30 am Eric Bradley – Anniversary
Monday 28th 07.00 pm Evening Mass of the Vigil - **Ss PETER & PAUL**. Parishioners intentions
Tuesday 29th 12 noon Raymund Smith - Anniversary
Wednesday 30th 12 noon Terry and Margaret Simms intentions

Friday 2nd July 12 noon Book of Remembrance. Deceased Sacred Heart Fathers

Saturday 3rd 5pm Anniversaries: Ilse Collinge. James Brady (1923), generous benefactor of this church.

Sunday 4th 11.30 Terry Simms, Peter Lafferty and Tony Ford – Ordained Deacons – 3rd July 2004
Stockport Timperley Middlewich

We pray for our sick: Eileen Corallo, 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.

Lately Dead: Tom Wallis, Eric Miller. **Anniversaries:** Eric Bradley

TOM WALLIS RIP. We continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tom Wallis, who died on Thursday 17th June. The Reception of his Body into church will take place on Wednesday 7th July at 6pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 8th July at 12 noon. Both celebrations will be by invitation only, so that attendees do not exceed 60. The Cremation service for 40 people will also be by invitation only. We pray for his wife Molly and the family who were present as he passed away. RIP

Missionary Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal. Saturday / Sunday 10 / 11 July

FR JOHN BOLES is aware that parishes are experiencing a very challenging time due to the COVID -19 pandemic. In the light of this, he and his fellow Missionaries are searching for new ways to share with the church in Britain their cross-cultural mission work in Asia, the Pacific and Latin America, and how they are applying this experience to their ministry in Britain. Through the **Mission Appeal, Fr John hopes** to nurture the missionary spirit and to invite your prayer and support for the spread of the gospel overseas. Their response to the signs of the times is to embrace as far as they can the opportunity to try new ways of being missionaries”.

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!

Congratulations to Laura Coupe and Kieran Smith who married here on Friday last. It was our first wedding since Covid 19. May your joys be as bright as the morning, your years of happiness as numerous as the stars in heaven and your troubles but shadows that fade in the sunlight of love. Well done to Mark Heath and Pat Mollard who provided the music. Changes to marriage registrations came into effect on 4 May 2021. The newly weds, witnesses and registrar (Fr Jim on this occasion) signed a Marriage Schedule on the sanctuary, socially distancing. The Registry Office will Issue a marriage certificate later.

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24 *God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living*

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Psalms 113:1-3,113:9 *R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 · **The Lord Jesus became poor for your sake, to make you rich**

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, & they are life; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia**

Mark 5:21-43 *Little girl, I tell you to get up*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.