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*SACRED HEART FATHERS*

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

**15(B).** The present restrictions at St Joseph's will be reviewed by our stewards after 19th July

Saturday 10th 5 pm Padraic Munnely - Recently Deceased  
Sunday 11th 11.30 Eileen Corallo Intentions  
Tuesday 13th 12 noon Evelyn Neary intentions.  
Wednesday 14th 12 noon Mary Geraldine Collins Intentions  
Friday 16th 12 noon David Bellis - Anniversary  
Saturday 17th 5pm Derek Wright - Recently Deceased. Sunday 18th 11.30 Private intention

**We pray for our sick:** John Taylor (Malpas), Eileen Corallo, Mary Geraldine Collins, Evelyn Neary, 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:** Derek Wright. **Anniversary:** David Bellis

**Missionary Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal. This 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". **Your contribution in the envelopes in the benches will be much appreciated.** Please place the envelope in the basket as you leave church.

**INDIA:** In May / June we were very successful with a collection for our own Fr Tim Greenway, Mill Hill Missions, Hyderabad Area, India. We are delighted to announce that the grand sum of £1,385.00 has been paid into his account here in Stockport. Ilse Collinge kindly arranged this transfer directly to India. Both she and Fr Jim have emailed Fr Tim separately.

**Ordinations to the Priesthood and the Diaconate**

It is always a special cause of joy to pray for approaching ordinations for the Diocese. At Saint Anthony's, Wythenshawe, on the Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, this coming Friday 16th July at 7.00pm, Bishop Mark looks forward to ordaining three new priests for the Diocese: Deacons Patrick Breeze, Humphrey O'Connor (presently at St Chad's, Cheadle) and Stephen Roberts. At Saint Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch, on the Saturday Memoria of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 24th July at 12.00 noon, Bishop Mark will ordain to the Permanent Diaconate Dr John McKay from Saint Peter's, Hazel Grove and Mr Wilfred McSherry from Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Stephen Harding, Market Drayton. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.

**St Joseph's School:** As Year 6 come to the end of their education at St Joseph's, we are unable to give thanks to God in a celebration of Mass with them in church. However, we, as a parish, take to heart the message of St Paul to the Ephesians (see overleaf). In the midst of the upheaval for the pupils and their staff since mid March, 2020, we thank God for the dedication and skills of our school staff and the flexibility of our children and their families to adapt to the challenging situations. Children, have a good week.

**Amos 7:12-15** - *'Go, shepherd, and prophesy to my people Israel'*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

**Psalm 84** R. *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

**Ephesians 1:3-14** - *God chose us in Christ before the world was made*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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

Alleluia!

**Jn 6: 63,68**

**Mark 6:7-13** *'Take nothing with you'*

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

**Walsingham Retreat for Women**

A retreat for women entitled 'Reclaiming Authentic Femininity: Women in the Image and Likeness of God' is being held at Walsingham from 6th - 8th August 2021. This weekend retreat will provide an introduction to the St. John Paul II's teachings on Theology of the Body as it was presented during the Wednesday audiences in Rome, in the light of how it can help women to discover their authentic femininity. For more information, go to <https://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/eventslisting/theology-of-the-body-retreat-for-women/> or see the poster in church.