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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**16(B)                      Happy Holiday to our school communities**

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| Saturday  | 17th | 5 pm     | Derek Wright - Recently Deceased.                                  |
| Sunday    | 18th | 11.30    | Private intention  |
| Tuesday   | 20th | 12 noon  | Peggy and Keith Ronald Donne – RIP                                 |
| Wednesday | 21st | 12 noon  | Fr Pat Harnett, scj - Anniversary                                  |
| Friday    | 23rd | 12 noon  | Fr Andrew Grant, scj - Anniversary                                 |
| Saturday  | 24th | 5 pm     | Ann Rose RIP .   |
| Sunday    | 25th | 11.30 am | Thank to our parishioners from Molly Wallis and family (see below) |

**We pray for our sick:** John Taylor (Malpas), 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.

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Grant & Pat Harnett, scj **Latently Dead:** Eileen Corallo, Derek Wright, Billy Kelly

**Eileen Corallo RIP.** The death has taken place of Eileen Corallo. Our sincere condolences to her children: Matthew, Angela, Veronica and Damian. She married John Corallo (1938 – 2018) in 1966. Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 29th July at 12 noon, prior to interment at Mill Lane at 1.30 pm. Please let us know at St Joseph's if you would like to attend the Requiem Mass that day. (Please see the item "19th July" below).

**The Wallis Family.** Molly Wallis and family have asked that a Mass of thanksgiving be offered up on Sunday 25th July, at 11.30 for the intentions of our parish family, for their prayers, kindness and support since Tom's death. All the family appreciate the warmth and care from this special group of people. Thank you from Molly and family.

**EMERGING FROM NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**

On Thursday night last Bishop Mark shared with his clergy the guidance and recommendations for our churches following a meeting earlier that day of the Governmental Task Force for Places of Worship together with a statement by the Bishops of England on the Sunday Mass Obligation. In the weeks ahead we will be adjusting in all the parishes to new conditions as a new variant of the virus continues spreading. I know people will have widely divergent views as to what is prudent or necessary. This is a decisive step forward moving away from detailed regulation enforced by law to prudent local judgments. If people adopt different attitudes towards the lifting of statutory restrictions it might be noted that the Government's guidance is itself nuanced. The guidance states, for example, that it is no longer required to stay two metres apart from people you do not live with and there is no limit to the numbers you may meet. However, the guidance goes on to say "in order to minimise the risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the contact you have with those you do not usually live with and increase close contact gradually. This includes limiting the number, proximity and duration of social events." This is a note of caution for us in returning to parish activities. Due to the timing of this statement reaching us, John Humphries (representing our stewards) and Fr Jim will be unable to meet to discuss it, in relation to St Joseph's, till early this coming week. So in the meantime we continue our church practice as prior to 19th July, 2021.

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** · *I will gather together the remnant of my flock and raise up shepherds for them*  
'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

**Psalm 22**                    **R.** *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*  
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.                    **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.                    **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.                    **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.                    **R.**

**Ephesians 2:13-18** ·                    *Christ Jesus is the peace between us*  
In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!    **Jn10:27**

**Mark 6:30-34**                    *They were like sheep without a shepherd*  
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The 2020 **Withington Painting** in tribute to Mark Rashford's work on child food poverty includes a quote from the footballer's mother, who raised him and his four siblings on her own. "Take pride in knowing that your struggle will play the biggest role in your purpose," it reads. Following its defacing with racist comments that quote was covered with messages from well-wishers. The artist, Akse, who is French-Vietnamese, recalled his own experiences of racism as a child, which he said had made him stop speaking his first language of Vietnamese for years after facing bullying.