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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday 5 pm Teresa Grice intentions Sunday 11.30 am Anda Cosic - Recently Deceased

Tuesday 3rd 12 noon Sean & Esther McAndrew - 1st Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday 4th 12 noon Christina Mary Anyakwo - (interment of ashes at 3.15)

Friday 6th 12 noon Nora Morton (nee O'Shea, Killarney. Died 12/11/20 (interment of ashes 12.30)

Saturday 7th 5 pm. Carol Hogan - Recently Deceased Sunday 8th 11.30 Ann Rose - RIP

Fr Tim Greenway writes: I am so grateful to the parish and please be so kind as to convey my sincere gratitude for their generosity of **£1,335.00**. Everyone here has been badly hit with loss of employment and consequent income. As always those at the lower end of the social ladder are hit the worst whereas those at the top have actually benefited. Schools have been closed for more than twelve months and teachers in private schools have had no salaries all during this time. So you can imagine the hardship. I am happy to live and work among the weaker members of society and so am at least able to feel their pain and do what I can. St. Joseph's help is so timely. Thank our people for me. May God bless you all.

"Timothy Greenway" <ftgreenway@yahoo.com 19/07/2021

Fr John Boles: "Many thanks to yourself, Fr Blaise and the parish team for looking after me so well and being so generous while I was up the weekend of 10 / 11 July. Blaise had everything set up nicely for my arrival. Your "support staff" did sterling work with the liturgical and logistical tasks. The weekend raised **£620.00** for which I am very grateful. That weekend marked 25 years since my ordination over at Our Lady's, and there were people in the congregation at both Masses who'd been present on that day. My two sisters came to the Saturday evening eucharist. Fr John.

CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

For the time being it is recommended we continue to use sanitiser at entrance and exits at St Joseph's; we encourage the wearing of face coverings. Face coverings **must** be used if you join in with any singing. Our stewards will continue to ensure people feel safe in our church, including social distancing, especially at weekend masses. We will monitor capacity and social distancing. We will experiment with allocating a section of the church, on the righthand side, for people who feel comfortable without social distancing. We will make sure such worshippers can be reached for the distribution of Communion. Your financial contributions continue to be appreciated in the basket and green buckets as you enter or leave the church. We do not foresee the parish Hall reopening safely till September. Our Risk Assessment at the moment, together with the ongoing spreading of the virus in the Northwest, suggests we wait awhile.

Confessions continue to be available in the Hall.

Day for Men at St Joseph's, Stockport

A Covid-postponed event will be held at Saint Joseph's Church, Stockport from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 25th September 2021, hosted by the Men of St Joseph. The day will include breakfast and lunch. A donation of £10 for the entire day is suggested. Bishop Mark will be pleased to join the day to celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Joseph's. For more information, please see the poster in church or contact:

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Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 *The Lord sends manna from heaven*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Psalm 77 *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food and gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food;

He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

Ephesians 4:17,20-24 - *Put aside your old self and put on the new*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia! Jn14:6

John 6:24-35 *It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven; I am the bread of life*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

We pray for our sick:

Teresa Grice, Winifred Leanaghan, Mary Geraldine Collins, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson.

James Hayward, 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: Edna Pugh (101).