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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

Saturday 8th 5 pm Carole Hogan – Recently Deceased.

Sunday 11.30 Bernard Wild – 2nd Anniversary. Also James Henderson – in hospital.

**Tuesday** 10th 12 noon LM intentions **Wednesday** 12 noon Edna Pugh (101) Recently Deceased

**Friday** 13th 12 noon Marion Campbell – Birthday Remembrance

Saturday 5 pm. Caroline Higgins RIP

Sunday 11.30 am Fr Con Botter, scj. 1st Anniversary

**We pray for our sick:** James Henderson, Alwyn McCann, Bernadette Taylor, 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:** Mary Healy, Edna Pugh **Anniversaries:** Bernard Wild, Marion Campbell, Fr Con Botter, scj

**NOVENA PRAYER - ST JOHN VIANNEY (4 -13 August)**

St John Vianney, you served God faithfully in your parish.

May priests and seminarians grow in holiness through your intercession..... (pause)

Patron of students, inspire all those who are still in education  
and help us all to grow in wisdom and love throughout our lives... ..(pause)

Curé of Ars, you willingly embraced the trials of life.  
Help us to take up our crosses and follow Jesus more closely every day..... (pause)

Patron of priests, you spent long hours in the confessional.  
Help us to recognise our weakness  
and our desire for God's freedom and forgiveness.... .(pause)

Model of Christian love, you lived a humble life of fasting and abstinence.  
May we be faithful to the Friday penance which the Church asks of us..... (pause)

Consoler of those who came to you, we place before the altar our needs,  
our prayers and petitions.  
May you intercede for us and for all those we pray for..... (pause)

In the spirit of St John Vianney, we pray: "Our Father who art in Heaven..."

**Confessions** continue to be available in the Hall.

**LANCASHIRE HILL – Safety Barrier replacement: Phase 1: 16 August to 9 September. Access for pedestrian and cyclists will be maintained along Lancashire Hill throughout.** Overnight the M60 and Lancashire Hill will be closed to motorists to ensure the safety of the workforce between 9 pm and 5 am: M60 clockwise between J 26 and 1 (21-31 Aug). M60 anti-clockwise between J 1 and 25 (1-9 Sept). Additionally, Lancashire Hill northbound will be closed during daytime hours, from 16 Aug to 9 Sept. More details on the church Notice board.

**1 Kings 19:4-8** ·*The angel gives Elijah food to reach the mountain of God*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Psalm 33****R.** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;

in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R..**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.****Ephesians 4:30-5:2** ·*Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia! Jn14:23

**John 6:41-51***Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God*, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

**HOLY WATER.** At this time, it is not recommended that Holy Water stoups be refilled. Should people wish to receive holy water, a container with a **tap** has been blessed, so that bottles can be filled which can then be taken home. Please use the sanitiser provided.

**Live Streaming.** Last weekend the 11.30 Mass was Live Streamed from a different position, in front of the Lectern. It was a great success. It was good, during the week, to revisit the recording and once again to listen to live music at St Joseph's, led by Shelagh and Chris; the congregation joining in, with their face coverings on, and they too could be heard

**PREPARING FOR SYNOD 23** Pope Francis has called for everyone to be involved in the preparations for the Bishops Synod in 2023. He tells us that 'a synodal church is a listening church' and must include the involvement of lay people in decision-making. As we await guidance as to how to proceed in our own diocese, a good preparation can be made by looking at the website [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org).