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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

**Confessions** available in the Hall, rather than the confessional where ventilation is difficult

Saturday	28th	5.00 pm	People of the parish.
Sunday	29th	11.30 am	Richard Da Silva intentions and Elvia Da Silva 4th Anniversary
Monday		12 noon	<b>Mass returns on 6th September</b>
Tuesday	31st	12 noon	Bernadette Taylor intentions.
Wednesday	1st	12 noon	Christine Mullin RIP
Thursday		12 noon	<b>Mass returns on 9th September</b>
Friday	3rd	12 noon	Book of Remembrance and Deceased Sacred Heart Fathers.
Saturday	4th	5 pm	Canon John Marmion – 70 years of Priesthood (21/07/51) Ad Multos Annos
Sunday	5th	11.30 am	Thanksgiving - Vera Henderson – 90th Birthday

**Barbara Deaville RIP** Our sincere condolences to the family of the late Barbara Deaville, aged 93. Her funeral service will take place at Rowan chapel on 6th September at 2.30 pm. We pray for the happy repose of her soul and for her two children, Ann and Rob.

**FROM SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.....**

**As and from the 5 pm Mass on Saturday 4th September, St Joseph's will try to get back to some form of normality. We continue to adopt an attitude of care for those who attend Mass.**

**"Please leave a Space"** cards available on entry – to be placed on each side of a worshipper for social distancing, if necessary.

**We hope to continue having a welcoming presence at the church door and to help with signing in**

**PLEASE, wearing face coverings, if you can, properly reduces aerosol or droplet spread.**

**Face coverings** must be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.

The offertory collection will be resumed with baskets.

**The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended; its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.**

**Please exercise good responsible behaviour especially when moving to the top of the church to receive Holy Communion and getting too close to each other.**

The 12 noon Mass will be celebrated from Monday to Saturday inclusive, from Monday 6th September. The church will also reopen for private prayer each morning.

Signing in, in writing, will be available at the back of church for test, track and trace purposes.

Sanitising hands, on entry and exit, is encouraged.

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8** · *Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**Psalm 14**                      **R.** *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.                      **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.                      **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.                      **R.**

**James 1:17-18,21-22,27**                      *Accept and submit to the word*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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

**Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**                      *You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**We pray for our sick:** Marion Williams (mother of Debbie, our housekeeper), Richard Da Silva, Bernadette Taylor, Phil Walker, Bernadette Taylor, Alwyn McCann, 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:** Barbara Deaville, Ken Goody, Stefica Kolar, Winifred Glenn.

**Anniversary:** Elvia Da Silva (4th), Amanda Sanedrin.