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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	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
Monday	6th	12 noon	Thanksgiving - Vera Henderson	- 90th Birthday
Tuesday	7th	12 noon	Thanksgiving - Wyn Ah-Tou	- 90th Birthday
Wednesday	8th	12 noon	Clare Hyland	3rd Anniversary
Thursday	9th	12 noon	Phil Walker	Recently Deceased
Friday	10th	12 noon	Fr Michael Walshe, scj	Anniversary
Saturday	11th	5 pm	John Garrigan	1st Anniversary
Sunday	12th	11.30 am	Tom Wallis	Birthday Remembrance

We continue to adopt an attitude of care for those who attend Mass. Sanitising hands is encouraged

“PLEASE LEAVE A SPACE HERE” signs are available for people to place on either side of them.

HOLY MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

This weekend our stewards will officially stand down from their COVID 19 duties.

As and from this weekend Holy Mass Attendance Cards will be available, but not obligatory, at the back of church for people to fill in the following details:

Date, Time, Name, Contact Telephone Number, Email (if available).

Please place your card in the receptacle on the table at the back of church marked “CARDS”.

GDPR These will be kept safe for 21 days.

The offertory collection will be resumed with baskets.

At Holy Communion it would be best if you kindly came forward from the front benches first, up the middle aisle and back to your bench by the side aisle and followed on in order, this will hopefully keep everyone safe and in a smooth momentum.

Phil Walker RIP It was with great sadness that we heard the news of the sudden death of Phil Walker last Sunday. Phil had been with us at the 11.30 Mass on 25/07/21. On the Feast of the Assumption Fr Blaise celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick at home with Phil and his wife Marion. We pray for the happy repose of his soul and for his wife and children.

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

Dela Lynsdale RIP We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dela Lynsdale, who died on 17th August. She was one of Fr Geraerts' converts; an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist for the sick and elderly, regularly visiting them in their homes; a loyal member of Barbara Boyer's Faith Sharing Group; a helper at our Mass and Anointing of the Sick. We pray for Dela and her family at this time.

Isaiah 35:4-7 - Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Psalm 145

R. *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

R.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R.

James 2:1-5 My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Mark 7:31-37 Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

At both Masses this weekend Daniel Chamberlain will speak to us about the upcoming campaign (September 22 – through October 31). **Peaceful vigil:** Standing for life through a 40-day peaceful, prayerful, public witness outside the local abortion facility SMPC 136 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 6HE. The website will give you all the information you require; to sign up for the Stockport vigil follow location tab on the site. "I urge you to do something beautiful for God" (St Teresa of Calcutta).

Fr Liam Rooney was a regular attendee outside No 136, together with some of our parishioners, praying and offering help and support to patients who felt drawn to the small team and changed their minds.

St Peter's RC Primary School, **Stalybridge** are looking for a new Deputy Head. to arrange a visit. Please contact admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk. The full advert can be found on the Shrewsbury Diocesan website; for application forms etc contact Sue.Jenkinson@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION for Our Lady's, St Ambrose, St Vincent's and St Joseph's will be celebrated on Thursday 9th December, 7pm, at Our Lady's Shaw Heath. Please contact Fr Jim if you are 12 years old or above and you wish to take part in the preparation and celebration of this Sacrament. Catechists and clergy from Our Lady's, St Ambrose and St Vincent's met at St Joseph's with Monica Ferguson and Fr Jim during the week. We need names from parents or grandparents asap so that we can officially invite candidates to join us at Our Lady's later this month to begin the preparations.