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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	18th	5 pm	Dela Lynsdale	Recently Deceased
Sunday	19th	11.30 am	Meehan & Quinn families deceased	
Monday	20th	12 noon	Gerard Kenny intentions	
Tuesday	21st	12 noon	Ken Gooddy	Recently Deceased
Wednesday	22nd	12 noon	Anthony McEnergy	RIP
Thursday	23rd	<b>9.30</b>	School Mass	<b>12 noon</b> Lawrence Lenaghan 6th Anniversary
Friday	24th	12 noon	Philip Walker - Requiem	
Saturday	25th	<b>12 noon</b>	Women & Men of St Joseph intentions.	<b>5 pm</b> Mary Parkinson Recently Deceased
Sunday	26th	<b>11.30 am</b>	Elvio da Silva - anniversary of committal.	

**We pray for our sick:** Gerard Kenny, Richard Da Silva, Marion Williams, Bernadette Taylor, Alwyn McCann, Teresa Grice, Winifred Leanaghan, Mary Geraldine Collins, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson, James Hayward, Margaret Wooley (nee Kenny), Alan Gell, Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Tina Labella, Maureen McCumesky.

**Lately Dead:** Philip Walker, Mary Parkinson, Margaret Mary Valiant (Liverpool)

**Anniversary:** Lawrence Leanaghan, Elvio da Silva, Frs Jim Lawless & Michael Hughes, SCJs

**We adopt an attitude of care for those who visit our church.** Sanitising hands encouraged.  
“PLEASE LEAVE A SPACE HERE” signs available for people to place on either side of them.

**The offertory collection has resumed with baskets during Mass.**

**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. We will administer to the middle isle and then to the side isles.**

**Phil Walker RIP** Our sincere condolences to Marion and children on the sudden death of Phil on Sunday 29th August. Phil and Marion were looking forward to receiving Holy Communion at home. Instead, Fr Jim administered Communion as part of the Prayer of Commendation. Phil's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 24th September at 12 noon, followed by committal at the Rowan Chapel at 1.00 pm.    RIP

**Day for Men at St Joseph's, Stockport.** A Covid-postponed event will be held here from 9.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 25th September 2021, hosted by the Men of St Joseph. Bishop Mark will be pleased to join the day to celebrate Mass at 12 noon in Saint Joseph's.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** I would like to invite you to '40 days for life' vigil outside 136 Chester Road, Hazel Grove, NUPAS Abortion facility. 40 Days for life is a non denominational global organisation committed to ending abortion all over the world. It has been endorsed by Pope Francis and we have this autumn from 22nd September to 31st October an opportunity to join with our fellow Christians around the world to put an end to Abortion in Hazel Grove. If you are interested in helping Dan Chamberlin and myself in holding a prayerful vigil for 40 days can you contact me Steve Conlon on 07702 828984.

**Wisdom 2:12,17-20***The wicked prepare to ambush the just man*

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**Psalm 53***R. The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

**R.**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.** But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

**R.****James 3:16-4:3***The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia! Jn8:12

**Mark 9:30-37***Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

An introductory gathering for our Confirmation programme of preparation will take place at Our Lady and the Apostles social Club /Lounge this coming Wednesday 22nd September at 7.00pm. The address is: Shaw Hearth, Edgeley, SK3 8BQ. There has been a good response from Our Lady's, St Ambrose, St Vincent's and St Joseph's. Please contact Fr Jim if you are 12 years old or above and have not yet received an official invitation from Lucy at Our Lady's. Or come along on the night. We have tried to reach out to some recently via emails and schools.

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a suitably experienced individual to provide office management and oversight of the administration of the COO Office. This role will have responsibility for providing robust administrative and secretarial support to the COO and her team across all areas but particularly in relation to the IT, telephony, and Data Protection. Appointment Type: Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week. Working Pattern: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (Some flexibility will be required) Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Salary: £26,000 - £28,000 per annum depending on skills and experience. For further details please see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>