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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	2nd	12 noon	Vivienne Marsland. Recently Deceased.	5 pm	Vera Henderson (90th)
Sunday	3rd	11.30 am	Les Pickford - Recently Deceased.		Celia Meehan (sick)
Monday	4th	12 noon	Barrow Family RIP		
Tuesday	5th	12 noon	Anne Cronin 1st Anniversary		
Wednesday	6th	12 noon	William & Frances Moore (Anniversary)		
Thursday	7th	12 noon	Jim Byron - Recently Deceased		
Friday	8th	12 noon	Jackie McCormick (Anniversary)		
Saturday	9th	12 noon	First Holy Communion (Year 5)	5 pm	Margaret Runcieman intentions
Sunday	10th	11.30 am	Linnane Family – thanksgiving.		Richard da Silva intentions.

We pray for our sick: Gerard Kenny, Margaret Runcieman, Celia Meehan, 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), Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Tina Labella, Maureen McCumesky.

Lately Dead: Vivienne Marsland, Les Pickford, Alice Roe

Anniversaries: William & Frances Moore, Thomas Barron, Jackie & Maureen McCormick, Anne Rogers

Maureen Stephens, organist at St Mary's RC Church, 12 Roman Road, Heaton Norris, Stockport, SK4 1RF is retiring after playing for parishioners over a period of 70 years. To say thank you to her, the parish are holding an afternoon tea in her honour, in the parish hall on Roman Road on Saturday October 16th from 3 – 5 pm. Over the decades Maureen played the organ for many weddings and funerals at neighbouring parishes, including St Joseph's. If you would like to join in please contact Doreen Collins on 477 0198 or The Rev Geoffrey Marlour (Parish priest) on 480 4374. God bless you Maureen.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation programme continues at Our Lady and the Apostles social Club /Lounge this Wednesday 6th October at 7.00pm. The address is: Shaw Hearth, Edgeley, SK3 8BQ. Please contact Frs Blaise or Jim if you are 12 years old or above and have not yet received an official invitation. Or come along on the night.

Our Candidates will be Presented to our parishioners at St Joseph's this Sunday at 11.30

FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At long last Year 5 will celebrate their First Forgiveness this Wednesday 6th October at 6.00 pm, and First Holy Communion next Saturday 9th October at 12 noon. All being well Year 4 will celebrate 1st Forgiveness on Wednesday 17th November at 6 pm and their First Holy Communion early in 2022.

Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph: O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favoured by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector. Dear Saint Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident of His absolute power and goodness look upon me. Please take my need into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. O help me then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, I love you. Amen.

Genesis 2:18-24 *A man and his wife become one body*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Psalm 127

R. *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R.**

Hebrews 2:9-11 *The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia! Jn17:17

Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.

October Rosary: Our Primary School children will lead us in the recitation and reflection of the Most holy Rosary at 11.30 over the next three Fridays of October.

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 up 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.

*If you have any worries, concerns, or problems you wish to entrust to the **Sleeping St. Joseph**, write them on a piece of paper and place them in the basket at the feet of St. Joseph, on the right hand side of the sanctuary.*

Each week we will pray for these intentions at our Friday Noon Mass. St Joseph, our Protector, pray for us.

Foundation Governors

Our Catholic schools are a vital part of our parish communities, and by law diocesan schools have governing bodies made up of various categories of governor - the majority of which are Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics who are appointed by the Bishop to help support him in ensuring the 'Catholicity' of a school amid all the other objectives that are required by Law.

If you feel able to offer your services please contact Sue Blackwell, Governance Support Officer for the Diocese, via sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 0151 652 9855. The required forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Click on main Education heading and click on Foundation Governors from the dropdowns which will appear on the left hand side. If you do have any problems please contact Sue using the contact details above.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.