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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	9th	12 noon	First Holy Communion (Year 5)	<b>5 pm</b>	Margaret Runcieman intentions
Sunday	10th	<b>11.30 am</b>	Linnane Family – thanksgiving.		Richard da Silva intentions.
Monday	11th	12 noon	Pauline and Geoff Barker – Golden Wedding anniversary.		<b>Congratulations</b>
Tuesday	12th	12 noon	Thanksgiving – Alan		
Wednesday	13th	12 noon	Maureen McCormick - Anniversary		
Thursday	14th	12 noon	Ron Gill 1st Anniversary		
Friday	15th	12 noon	Fr Andrew Ryder, scj – 12th Anniversary		
Saturday	16th	12 noon	Harry Groarke intentions		
		<b>5 pm</b>	Gerard Kenny Recently Deceased		
Sunday	17th	<b>11.30 am</b>	Winifred Glenn RIP. Terry Kenny Intentions (requested by Jane & Chris).		

**We pray for our sick:** Terry Kenny (dad of Chris), Harry Groarke, 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:** Gerard Kenny, Vivienne Marsland, Winifred Glenn

**Anniversaries:** Ron Gill, Fr Andrew Ryder, scj, Harry Groarke, Maureen McCormick.

**Gerard Kenny RIP**

Our sincere condolences to Frank Kenny, and the Kenny family, on the death last Thursday, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, of his brother Gerard, in the Meadows. Family members had been using a family rosary beads for him. Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for him. May he rest in peace.

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

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Our Confirmation programme continues at Our Lady and the Apostles social Club /Lounge this Wednesday 13th 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 signed up. Or come along on the night.

We pray for our Candidates who will be officially enrolled in the programme next Sunday at the 11 am Mass at Our Lady's church.

**Wisdom 7:7-11** ·*I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**Psalm 89****R.** *Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.*

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

**R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

**R.**

.Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

**R.****Hebrews 4:12-13** ·*The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia! Mt11:25

**Mark 10:17-30***Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

**CPR** "Joe Humphries went for a run and never came back. Matter of yards from home, no symptoms, bang. We don't know how long he was on the floor. People need to know that and what to do. We're trying to raise awareness, get CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training out there and up the provision of defibrillators". UK Coaching offers a free eLearning course to provide the knowledge and confidence to respond quickly and appropriately in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. The toolkit, funded by Sport England, has been created by UK Coaching, Resuscitation Council UK, St John Ambulance and the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust. The course is available at [www.ukcoaching.org/sca](http://www.ukcoaching.org/sca).

N.B. The next Restart a Heart Day will take place on 16 October 2021

Year 4 First Forgiveness date to be reviewed by the school community.

## DIOCESE OF SALFORD

### **Pastoral Letter** of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is becoming all the more evident that the meeting of world leaders in Glasgow, for COP26, has an unprecedented urgency and importance. Scientific knowledge about the Environment has developed in recent decades so that there is now a real understanding of the damage that the human race is inflicting on our global home through climate change, and the consequences of our present way of living. What is perhaps particularly alarming is that the scientists have been accurate in estimating changing weather conditions and environmental events, but many are concerned that the deterioration is now happening even faster than had been predicted.

Care for the environment, for creation in all its complexity and abundance, is deeply rooted in our Christian Faith. We are the guardians of creation and responsible for its well-being. That aspect of our Faith is something that we have probably ignored or taken for granted, unaware of the actual damage that we are doing during this industrial age where we have developed a mistaken notion of progress and unthinkingly exploited our resources and the plant and animal life of our world, and each other.

Much is now understood about the work that can and must be done in order to begin to repair the damage inflicted by climate change. We all have our individual part to play in making changes to our own routines and our personal response will have an important impact. There are many resources available to guide us in managing – among other things - our travel, use of electricity and water, food consumption, re-cycling and waste. We must certainly not dismiss the value and importance of our individual efforts and our Christian duty to care for creation. Certainly, much is being achieved by individuals and communities.

But the real progress for change must come at an international level, with agreements and pledges made by the most powerful countries in the world. As Pope Francis insists, we must think and act globally. Our political leaders must look to making realistic and achievable policies which will ensure that global warming is limited to targets which will allow sustainable living conditions for future generations. It is essential that COP26 promotes actions that are radical enough to ensure the results that are necessary. The Paris Agreement of 2015 made the right sort of statements, but the agreed goals were never achieved.

I am writing to you today to ask that, while we must concern ourselves with our own achievable changes in our personal lifestyle, we must make determined efforts in prayer that those gathering at the COP26 meeting may understand the urgency of making those radical decisions which are required to secure a healthy environment for future generations.

I am asking that, as a family of the Diocese of Salford, we make Sunday 31st October – The Feast of All Saints - a day of prayer for the success of the meeting. There will be resources for events on that day should parishes have public gatherings. I recognise that many people still, understandably, feel cautious about attending Mass at this time. I would strongly recommend that we all pray daily for the COP26 meeting, particularly during the course of the meeting, which is 1st-12th November. CAFOD has prepared a letter which is being widely circulated and provided a prayer which is included at the end of this letter.

**I also offer this prayer, should you find it useful:**

Loving Father, we acknowledge that, either through ignorance or greed, the Earth, our common home, is damaged. That damage is felt most by people who have done little to cause it. Industrialisation has exploited natural resources, endangering wildlife, causing climate change, and resulting in disasters and global warming. Father, forgive us, and guide us in the right way. Send your Spirit to encourage and strengthen our world leaders as they meet at COP26. Cause them to discern the way that we must now go, agreeing the changes and decisions necessary to begin to repair the damage done and to prepare a healthy and secure world for future generations. And we ask Mary, our Mother, to intercede for us, and with us, in our need. Amen.

My brothers and sisters, I invite and encourage us all to place our trust in the power of prayer. Please distribute this letter to anyone that you may know who might join in praying for the successful outcome of this meeting.

“Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey”

+John Arnold Bishop of Salford

A prayer from CAFOD:

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen