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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	30th	5.00 pm	Doris Martin	Recently Deceased	VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday	31st	11.30 am	Evelyn Simpson	RIP	Michael Murray 4th Anniversary
Monday	1st Nov	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	Philomena Linnane (Anniversary)	
Tuesday	2nd	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	Holy Souls	
Wednesday	3rd	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS		
Thursday	4th	12 noon	Doris Martin – Requiem	November Dead Lists	
Friday	5th	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	Fr Tom McShane (Anniversary)	
Saturday	6th	12 noon	Justin McLaughlin, fatally stabbed at Glasgow railway station, 16 Oct.		
		5.00 pm	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS		
Sunday	7th	11.30 am	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	Celia Meehan intentions	

We pray for Our sick: Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Simon Glenn, Gerry and Nius McGettrick, Graham Hindson, Terry Kenny, Harry Groarke, Margaret Runcieman, James Hayward, Bernadette Taylor, Alwyn McCann, Teresa Grice, Winifred Leanaghan, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson, Margaret Wooley (nee Kenny), Eleanor Mulvey, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey, Tina Labella, Maureen McCumesky.

Lately Dead: Fr John Gaul, scj, Doris Martin, Justin McLaughlin (aged 14), Sean Durkin (Bolton).

Anniversaries: Fr Tom McShane and Bro Francis Murphy, scj, Philomena Linnane

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS, enclosed in an envelope, are available in church. Kindly place your completed list and offering in the envelope and place it in the collection basket or post it through the Presbytery letter box. The 5.00 pm / 11.30 am / 12 noon mass throughout November will be offered for the deceased persons specified on the lists. Anniversaries / Recently Deceased will be added. At St Joseph's we shall also be remembering the Sacred Heart Fathers November Dead Lists from St John's.

Doris Martin RIP Our sincere condolences to the family of Doris Martin, aged 88. We pray for her children Ian, Peter and his wife Fiona. She had a stroke during Lockdown. Sometime before that she was still acting as an Extraordinary Minister Of the Eucharist, up until she felt more comfortable moving around using a walking stick. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 4th November at 12 noon, prior to interment at Cypress chapel at 1.30. May she rest in peace.

Fr John Gaul, scj RIP 06/01/1934 – 18/10/2021. Professed 19/03/1953. Ordained 08/12/1958. Fr John is survived by his twin sister Grace Carter (Southampton, his younger sister Anne Fullen (Pateley Bridge) and sister Jane (Scotland). Our prayers go out to them and their families. Details of his funeral here at St Joseph's later.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

COVID 19 As the numbers of Coronavirus infections in Stockport seem to be increasing we ask that parishioners / congregation do not enter the Sacristy. If anyone does need to use the toilet facilities please take extra care, wear a face mask and sanitise your hands before and after entering the Sacristy.

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 · *I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language*
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Psalm 23

R. *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R.

1 John 3:1-3 · *We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia! Mt 11:28

Matthew 5:1-12a Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

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