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SACRED HEART FATHERS

Fr. Jim Matthews, scj - Fr Blaise Nsangou, scj - Deacon Terry Simms

Saturday	27	5.00 pm	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	
Sunday	28	11.30 am	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)
Monday	29	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	
Tuesday	30	12 noon	NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS	
Wed 1st December	12 noon		Betty McGeehan	Recently Deceased
Thursday	02	12 noon	Anne Wympeny intentions	
Friday	03	12 noon	Book of Remembrance.	Fr John Gaul & Deceased Sacred Heart Fathers
Saturday	04	12 noon	Joan & Bill Matthews - Anniversaries	
		5.00 pm	Kathleen Peers	RIP
Sunday	05	11.30 am	Sandiford family – thanksgiving for prayers answered.	

We pray for Our sick: Marion Williams, Maureen Coyle, Celia Meehan, Gerry and Nius McGettrick, Simon Glenn, 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:** Betty McGeehan, Marie McGurdy, Lucy West

Anniversaries: Joan & Bill Matthews

HOLY HOUR: Bishop Mark will be leading us in prayer at the Cathedral for Holy Hour on Wednesday 1st December at 5pm. Once again this year, we will be praying for all those across society that have been effected by abuse. In our busy lives running up until Christmas, this Holy Hour provides us all with an opportunity to reflect and pray for the strength of God to aid those around us within our parishes and communities who may be facing challenges. We are evidently not clear of the pandemic yet and the journey has presented challenges for many in their daily lives. For those impacted by abuse that present themselves for help and those that still remain unseen, please remember them in your prayers.

The Holy Hour will be live streamed via the Shrewsbury Cathedral Church Services link:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral>

Our **Confirmation candidates** and their families will be invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession at Our Lady and the Apostles church this coming Wednesday 1st December at 7.00pm. The address is: Shaw Hearth, Edgeley, SK3 8BQ.

Year 4 First Forgiveness. We pray for our Year 4 children who are preparing to celebrate their First Forgiveness / Confessions on Tuesday 7th December at 6.00 pm.

McQuillan Boiler Services Ltd are still awaiting replies from various providers to see what is the best way forward for replacing our broken church boiler. A few years ago the Diocese had experts in to see if we could have a system within the church building itself. We will keep this in mind before a decision is made.

Christmas Cards. As we enter Christmas card month, we look forward to wishing each other "Happy Christmas" in person or pass a card to them personally. Please don't leave cards at the back of Church or in the Sacristy. Also, watch this space, in the coming weeks, about others refurbishing our 2021 cards, discreetly, in 2022, for distribution to a charitable cause, in a year's time.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Psalms 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R/

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.

R/

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

R/

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia! Ps84:8

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 *That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

We trust you have benefitted from using this Newsletter during Mass. Please take it home with you and continue to prevent the spread of COVID 19 and its variants.

New leadership team for the Columban Missionaries in Britain. Congratulations to **Fr. John Boles** who has just been appointed Director of the region and to **Fr. Bernard McDermott**, who has been appointed Vice Director.

Year of St Joseph. With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” **8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.**

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.

*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, at his shrine.*