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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	08	<b>5.00</b>	We pray for the deceased members of the following families: Durkin, Clayton, Graham, Harkin, Hodson, Kenny, Maguire, Smith, Toner, Wright and Walden.
Sunday	09	<b>11.30 am</b>	Bernadette and Alastair Taylor intentions <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD.</b>
Monday	10	12 noon	Parishioners intentions.
Tuesday	11	12 noon	Terry and Margaret Simms intentions.
Wednesday	12	12 noon	Mary Smith
Thursday	13	12 noon	Tom McGinn RIP
Friday	14	12 noon	Parishioners
Saturday	15	<b>5.00 pm</b>	Frank Wilson RIP
Sunday	16	<b>11.30 am</b>	Tom Wallace RIP

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Please note there will be no 12 noon Mass on Saturdays for the rest of January, as Frs Blaise and Jim are helping out in other parishes. 12 noon Mass as usual on other weekdays at St Joseph's.**

**We pray for Our sick:** Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Terry Kenny, Maureen McCumesky, Celia Meehan, Simon Glenn, Graham Hindson, Harry Groarke, 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

**Latently Dead:** Patrick Broadhurst, Angela Evans, Mary Plumb, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Terry Spence, Margaret Sproson (nee Swindells), Peter Xenophontos, Val Morris.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stockport**

**Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher.**

**The closing date for applications is 24th January 2022.**

**For further information please visit one of the following websites -**

**School** [www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk)

**Diocese** [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary)

**Local Authority** [www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies)

**We are collecting used Christmas cards in January.** Please leave them in the church or Parish Hall. They will be refurbished into cards to be given to prisoners to give to their families, including their children, in December 2022. The "private messages" will be separated off. What remains is a front picture – religious and non religious. That front picture would be mounted by children onto another card and thus a new card created. The mini vinnies and youth SVP in 7 schools in the Diocese have worked on such cards during last term and the 2020 cards went to Berwyn prison near Wrexham so that guys inside could give a card to mothers, children, partners, whoever, when being visited. Others who had no family and no friends mounted them on their cell walls.

**Indirect fired oil heater** (temporary for the church building) is causing us a few problems. We are querying the price of the Gas oil and the cost of delivery of same. We would welcome any suggestions from anybody who is familiar with using this fuel. When the original supply of fuel ran out in the holidays, we had to fall back on fuel cans. Many thanks to people who have offered us financial help at this time. Cheques should be made out to St Joseph's Parish.

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11** ·

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Psalms 103**

*R/ Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

**R/**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servant. **R/**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R/**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.

**R/**

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

**R/**

**Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

*He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

cf.Lk3:16

**Luke 3:15-16,21-22** *'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**Thank You.** Margaret and Terry Simms wish to thank all those, on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee, who sent cards, had masses celebrated and offered prayerful good wishes for the future.

**Face coverings are a legal requirement in all churches and places of worship**, unless a person is exempt or has a reasonable excuse. Let us look out for each other!

**Confessions** available in the Hall, rather than the confessional, where ventilation is difficult.