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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	22	<b>5.00</b> pm	Father Blaise Nsangou, scj	22nd Anniversary of Ordination.	
Sunday	23	<b>11.30 am</b>	Sandra Mooney intentions.	<b>3rd &amp; Word of God Sunday (C)</b>	
Monday	24	12 noon	John Hannon - Birthday Remembrance		
Tuesday	25	12 noon	Patricia & Henry Groarke and family.		<i>Keep your</i>
Wednesday	26	12 noon	Tony Morris Recently Deceased		<i>Christmas Cards</i>
Thursday	27	12 noon	Peggy and Keith Ronald Donne RIP		<i>coming in</i>
Friday	28	12 noon	Bro Damian O'Sullivan, scj		
Saturday	29	<b>5.00</b> pm	Frank Wilson RIP		
Sunday	30	<b>11.30 am</b>	Philip Walker RIP		<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>

Please note there will be no 12 noon Mass on **Saturdays** 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.**

**RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION.** Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund). An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund) and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

**We pray for Our sick:** Eithne Cartwright, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Terry Kenny, Maureen McCumesky, Celia Meehan, Simon Glenn, Graham Hindson, Harry Groarke, Alwyn McCann, 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, Helen Tarplee **Anniversaries:** John Hannon, Bro Damian O'Sullivan, scj

**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)

A vacancy for an **Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser** has arisen **within the Diocese** – The role of the Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser is to work with parishes in developing a Diocesan individual giving and legacy programme. This will include in person, offline and online activities promoting and developing regular giving in parishes, contactless giving, Gift Aid and legacy giving, as well as supporting giving to Diocesan appeals Hours: 25 hours per week. Salary £25K-£30K FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 18 February. For further details please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10***All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

**Psalm 18***R/. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

**R/**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

**R/**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

**R/**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**R/**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27** (Shorter Form) *You together are Christ's body, but each a different part of it*  
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.  
Alleluia! Lk4:18

**Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21** *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**Invitation to a Service to celebrate Christian Unity with Coptic Christians, Sunday 23 Jan at 2.30 pm at the Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary and St Mina, Heaton Moor Road, Stockport, SK4 4PB**

**DAFFODILS.** As and from next weekend we invite you to bring along some daffodils to decorate our church and Parish Hall (weekdays) to celebrate the return of Spring on February 1st.