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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Please note there will be no 12 noon Mass on Saturdays until further notice.

Saturday	12	5.00 pm	Fr Gerard Giblin, scj Anniversary	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday	13	11.30 am	Joyce Hannon – B/day Rem. Martha Rattos & Ron Rowan - Anniversaries	
Monday	14	12 noon	Liz Beatie intentions	
Tuesday	15	12 pm	Rayan Awram, 5 year old from Morocco, his family & Rescuers.	
Wednesday	16	12 noon	Josie Hegerty	
Thursday	17	12 noon	Fr Desiderius Geraerts, scj. Fintan Matthews.	Anniversaries
Friday	18	12 noon	Sheila Divine Requiem today at St Philip's.	
Saturday	19	5.00 pm	People of the Parish	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday	20	11.30 am	Extended Da Silva family intentions	

We pray for our sick: Tina Labella, Margaret Runcieman, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Eithne Cartwright, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Terry Kenny, Celia Meehan, Simon Glenn, Graham Hindson, Harry Groarke, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Evelyn Neary, Vera Henderson

Anniversaries: Frs Gerard Giblin and Desiderius Geraerts, scj, Joyce Hannon, Martha Rattos, Ron Rowan, Fintan Matthews,

Lately Dead: Fr David Craig (Nantwich), Sheila Divine, Claire Angela Tomlinson, Carolyn Murray.

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL require Exam Invigilators on a casual basis.

Please see the school website for further details – www.harrytownschool.org

DAFFODILS. We invite you to bring daffodils to decorate our church / Parish Hall throughout February.

Congratulations to Carly and Michael Regan on the Baptism last Sunday of their daughter Elodie. We pray that the lives of Elodie parents and extended family, be examples of faith to inspire her.

World Day of Prayer “I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU” (Jeremiah)

A women led ecumenical service for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 4 March at 2pm.

Venue: St Saviours Church, Great Moor, St Saviour's Road, Great Moor, Stockport SK2 7QE

Be part of a 24-hour continuous wave of prayer from Samoa and back again!! Everyone is welcome.

Please bring your friends and family to come to this year's covid safe service which has been prepared by England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It's a prayerful celebration of diversity and a reflection on poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. Covid permitting, refreshments will be served after the service.

LENT REFLECTIONS. Lent is a precious time in the Church's year as we reflect, take stock, and look both inwardly at our own lives, and out into the World seeing everyone as our neighbour. In these recent times of struggle, we especially look to the sacrifice on the Cross as our inspiration, acknowledging those making their own sacrifice in the care of others, and remembering those we have lost. Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries and the wider Catholic community, for a short time of prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place. Live Stream Lent Reflections, Fridays, 10.30am on Missio's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK> 19 February Fr Gerry Hastie MHM

Jeremiah 17:5-8*A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord*

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Psalm 1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law, day and night.

R/ Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R/**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind: for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R/**

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 · *If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

Luke 6:17,20-26*Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

SYNODALITY as COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION and MISSION. In what Pope Francis calls the SYNODAL PROCESS – understood as 'walking together' – he invites us first to explore together how we live the fulness of our Christian calling, and then ask how we can do so better. The Synodal Process is a path of engagement that makes room for the Holy Spirit; style to be adopted that listens to the Spirit through the word of God, prayer and adoration. Synodality is not a majority consensus, like a parliament to guide the universal Church; a plan or a programme to be implemented by the Church.

What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not the traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The Synod is concerned mainly with how that teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time. This **Thursday 17 February** Fr Martin invites us to Our Lady's at 6 pm for Adoration, in Our Lady's Hall. At 7.00 pm we will reflect on how we as individuals, together with a few friends, can reflect on Synodality and how we respond to the Pope's invitation. Responses to Fr Jim by the end of the month.

WALSINGHAM pilgrimage 2022 There are a couple of places available on this year's pilgrimage which is 9-13 May, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Shelagh Humphries on 07853176698.

First Forgiveness for Year 4 children on Tuesday 22nd February at 6.00 pm. Please pray for them.