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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	19	5.00 pm	John Garrigan - Birthday Remembrance.
Sunday	20	11.30 am	Extended Da Silva family intentions
Monday	21	12 noon	Ron Carpenter - Recently Deceased
Tuesday	22	12 noon	Alan Gell - special intention
Wednesday	23	12 noon	Ron Runciman 90th Birthday
Thursday	24	12 noon	Esther McAndrew birthday intentions
Friday	25	12 noon	Christine Mullin RIP
Saturday	26	5.00 pm	Alice Twomey - Anniversary 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday	27	11.30 am	Francis Meehan 5th Anniversary

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.

SYNODALITY as COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION and MISSION.

We have taken these questions from the Salford Diocese special website to give you **some ideas for your submissions**. Bishop Mark will be hoping for responses from as many parishioners as possible. Fr Jim will be happy to forward sealed envelopes to Bishop Mark on Monday 28th February. Within the envelope please let Bishop Mark know how many people have contributed to the contents. Or you may email your submissions to Synod@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Either way may be anonymous if necessary.

1. What has been your experience of your parish/community during the Pandemic?
2. How can we best listen to each other, in the Church and in the wider world?
3. How do we communicate with each other in our groups, parishes, diocese?
Do we have the freedom to speak openly in a loving way?
4. In what ways does prayer and the celebration of Mass enable us to encounter Jesus more deeply and empower us in our daily lives?
5. What do you sense the Holy Spirit asking of the Church?
6. Who walks with us on our journey of faith? What persons or groups are marginalised?
7. How can we best share the Good News of Jesus with others? What difference are we currently making?
8. In what ways do our parishes/communities speak to each other and the wider society? How could we do this better?
9. How are we as a community listening to, and enriched by, other Christian denominations and other faiths?
10. In what ways do we take collective responsibility (priest and lay faithful collaboration) for our community? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?
11. How do we discern together the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us? How can we develop this shared responsibility together?
12. What support do we need to help us grow as a Church journeying together, listening to each other and the Spirit?
13. Is there anything else you would like to share.

There is also a 4 page Paper available in the sacristy explaining The Synodal Process 2021 – 2023. Or for this Paper go on line to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/home/news and go to Latest news: Barbara Davies. What the Synod process is, and what it is not.

1 Samuel 26*Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Psalm 102*R/ The Lord is compassion and love.***1 Corinthians 15:45-49***The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Alléluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia! Ac16:14

Luke 6:27-38*Love your enemies*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

Ash Wednesday, 3rd of March. Parish masses at 12 noon and 7.00pm, with distribution of ashes, hopefully in the church.

Congratulations to Danielle and Eliser on the Baptism last Sunday of their son Stefano Dorransoro.

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

Anniversaries: Alice Twomey, John Garrigan, Francis Meehan.

Latently dead: Fr David Craig (Nantwich), Mavis Rice, Claire Angela Tomlinson, Carolyn Murray.