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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Please note that the 12 noon Mass in church will resume for the next two Saturdays.

19th: Our Patronal Feastday.

26th: First Holy Communion for our Year 4 children.

Saturday	12	<b>5.00 pm</b>	People of the Parish	
Sunday	13	<b>11.30 am</b>	Tom Wallis RIP	<b>2nd Sunday in Lent Year C</b>
Monday	14	12 noon	John Jenkins intentions	
Tuesday	15	12 noon	Mary & John Cotter intentions	
Wednesday	16	12 noon	Patrick Gibbons Anniversary	
Thursday	17	12 noon	For the intentions of the People of Ukraine and Russia	
Friday	18	12 noon	Elizabeth Matthews Anniversary	
Saturday	19	<b>12 noon in church. 5.00 pm – in church.</b>	<b>Genesis Mission Retreat in Hall Fri / Sat.</b>	
Sunday	20	<b>11.30 am</b>	Patricia Laurence Birthday Remembrance	<b>3rd Sunday in Lent Year C</b>

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Gibbons. Elizabeth Matthews, Patricia Laurence.

**Lately dead:** Mavis Rice, Stella McDonald, Leonard Jones, Dessie McGowan, Jim Montgomery.

**Mavis Rice RIP** We offer our deepest sympathies to Jimmy Rice and family, in Salford and Drogheda, on the sudden death of his mother Mavis in mid February. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Wednesday 16th March at 1.30 pm, prior to a Cremation service at Stockport at 3.15 pm.

**Stations of the Cross.** At **11.40** on the **Fridays** of Lent the Disciples group from our primary school will lead us in the Stations of the Cross in the **Parish Hall**.

**St Joseph's School.** Stockport Council is seeking residents' views on its School Streets proposals for a short-term trial in Summer 2022 before the school break. St Joseph's School has put itself forward to take part and we'd like your views to help ensure the proposed trial is appropriate and a success.

**What is a School Street?** School Streets aim to make the streets around schools safer and healthier for pupils and parents to encourage more people to walk, cycle or scoot to school rather than travel by car.

**How it works** An area of road around the school will be temporarily closed to non-essential vehicles for short periods at school start and finish time. In the main only pedestrians, cyclists and scooters are permitted to access a zone while the restriction is in place. However, residents and visitors (such as health care workers) will still be given access although permits may be needed to do so and emergency vehicles will, of course, be given access automatically. This frees up the road space to make it easier and safer for children and families to be more active on their school journey, enjoy better air quality and a better overall environment at the beginning and end of the school day. School staff and volunteers will manage the road closures and be equipped with high-visibility vests as well as cones and other street furniture for use only during the times of road closure. We are asking for your views to help guide us to make the right decisions about the proposals for a School Street at St Joseph's primary school. The consultation will continue **until March 28th 2022**. There will be a drop in event to discuss issues and concerns about the School Street on **Thursday 17th March at St Joseph's School hall from 15:15 till 17:00**. A copy of the plan is shown on page 3 [www.schoolstreets@stockport.gov.uk](http://www.schoolstreets@stockport.gov.uk) where a survey can be filled in. **Contact** 0161 217 6063

**We pray for our sick:** John Jenkins, Tina Labella, Margaret Runcieman, Sandra Mooney, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Winifred Leanaghan, Vera Henderson, Alwyn McCann.

**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18***God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith*

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**Psalm 26****R/** *The Lord is my light and my help.***Philippians 3:17-4:1***Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' (Mt17:5)

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!****Luke 9:28-36***Jesus is transfigured before them*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

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