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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

12 noon Mass next Saturday in church: First Holy Communion for our Year 4 children.

Saturday	19	5.00 pm	Parishioners	3rd Sunday in Lent Year C
Sunday	20	11.30 am	Patricia Laurence - Birthday Remembrance	
Monday	21	12 noon	Rosie Woods - special intention	
Tuesday	22	12 noon	Frank Hollingworth - speedy recovery	
Wednesday	23	12 noon	Tommy Higgins - Recently Deceased	
Thursday	24	12 noon	Mike Dolan: Birthday intentions. Fr Jim: Ordination 1974	
Friday	25	12 noon	Christina Gallagher intentions.	
Saturday	26	5.00 pm	Margaret Sproson - Recently Deceased	
Sunday	27	11.30 am	Stella MacDonaldd - Recently Deceased	4th Sunday in Lent Year C

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**. A copy of the plan is shown on page 3 www.schoolstreets@stockport.gov.uk where a survey can be filled in. **Contact** 0161 217 6063

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your present envelopes will end Sunday, 3rd April. Your new Offertory Envelopes are now available. Please let us know if you would like to have a set of envelopes to support our parish.

GIFT AID: If you have an income (a Wage, Salary, Pension or Investment income) on which you are paying UK Income Tax (or paying Capital Gains Tax) please consider Gift Aiding. Gift Aid enables parishes to reclaim tax on donations that are already being made at the Offertory and in many other ways – i.e. donations for special purposes and retiring collections. Donors simply make a declaration that they wish their donations to qualify for a tax refund under the Gift Aid Scheme. This declaration may be made on a Gift Aid Declaration Form (available at St Joseph's). The donor only has to give their name and address and to confirm that they are paying sufficient income tax and that they wish to be part of the Gift Aid Scheme. Gift Aid involves no commitment to give any particular amount and no long-term commitment. The donor may cancel their membership of the scheme at any time.

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 ·

'I AM has sent me to you'

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Psalm 102

R/ *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1 Corinthians 10 · *The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. (Mt4:17)

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Luke 13:1-9

'Leave the fig tree one more year'

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

Anniversaries: Patricia Laurence, Frs Charles Sondermeijer and John Clarkson, scj .

Lately dead: Tommy Higgins, Stella McDonald, Carmel Ellis, Dessie McGowan

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**.

We pray for our sick: Frank Hollingworth, John Jenkins, John McCormick, Vera Henderson