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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	02	5.00 pm	Parishioners. Fr Owen Wynne, scj Anniversary
Sunday	03	11.30 am	Samuel Wild - Anniversary 5th Sunday in Lent Year C
Monday	04	12 noon	Edith Kenny - Anniversary
Tuesday	05	12 noon	Jeanet Love - Recently Deceased.
Wednesday	06	12 noon	Sarah Stewart - Recently Deceased.
Thursday	07	12 noon	Catherine and Julian Neuman intentions.
Friday	08	12 noon	Alannah Cowgill intentions
Saturday	09	5.00 pm	People of the parish
Sunday	10	11.30 am	Fr Jim Boyd, scj - (Ann) - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

We pray for our sick: Catherine Neuman (sister of John Humphries, who is very seriously ill), John Jenkins, Hayan Fletcher, Frank Hollingworth, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Margaret Runcieman, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Graham Hindson, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Vera Henderson, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey.

Lately Dead: Jeanet Love, Tommy Higgins. **Anniversaries:** Fr Owen Wynne, Samuel Wild, Edith Kenny

Stations of the Cross. At **11.40** on **Friday**, 8th of April, the Disciples group from our primary school will lead us in the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE at St Ambrose, Adswood Road, Adswood, Stockport, K3 8QA for the 4 parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St Joseph, St Ambrose. St Vincent, on **Friday, 8th April at 7 pm**

Tuesday of Holy Week, 12th April at 12.15. Six children from our school will sing 3 hymns and Fr Blaise will preach at St Mary's, in the Market Place. All welcome. Reverend Marie Flint.

Medjugorje Youth Festival - from 2nd to 9th August 2022 led by Fr Tony McGrath. £645, return flights from Manchester Airport, 7 nights accommodation close to St James Church, full programme with Joe Walsh Tours and Breakfast and Dinner each day. This pilgrimage is for 18-35 year olds, and families with under 18's are also welcome. There is an **information evening at Christ Church, 98 Finney Lane, Heald Green, SK8 3DY at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th April.** For more information or to register interest please email Fr Tony at christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES. Your new Offertory Envelopes are available. Please let us know if you would like to have a set of envelopes to support our parish.

Or you might consider contributing by **Standing Order** – forms available in church.

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.

Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Psalm 125 *R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

Philippians 3:8-14 .

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Now, now - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. **Praise and honour to you.....**

John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS. Congratulations to the following Year 4 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th March: Emilia Allen, Leo Bodajla, Lilly Boden, Harry Clegg, Alannah Cowgill, Rosita Farjam, Shanice Kapeya, Jacey Naggs, Lily-May Peers, Esmail Reynolds, Isabella Steadman, Bethany Thomas, Leo Wright.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SERVICES at St Joseph's

Palm Sunday - 11.30 am Mass begins in the Hall with the blessing of Palms and Procession to church.

Holy Thursday - 7 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church if you would like to take part in the Washing of Feet. There will be no Altar of Repose this year.

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 pm. Those who approach the Cross, can either touch the Cross in a devotional way or kiss the Cross (an **alcoholic wipe** will be used to clean the place that is venerated after each kiss).

Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm. Morning Prayer of the Church - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12pm

EASTER VIGIL – 7 pm – beginning with the Service of Light and Easter Proclamation.

Our evening services are earlier than usual due to no heating in the church. Please come prepared.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be contacted by email for your availability.