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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

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
Monday	11	12 noon	Ciss Gibbons - Anniversary
Tuesday	12	12 noon	Michael Joseph Martin - Anniversary
Spy Wednesday		12 noon	"My agonizing suffering in the garden of Gethsemane"
Also Wednesday at 7.000 pm Chrism Mass at St Michael & All Angels, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, CH49 5LE, Birkenhead. livestreamed via link: http://www.churchservices.tv/woodchurch			
Holy Thursday		at 7.00 pm	Moran & Kenny families
Good Friday		at 3.00 pm	Retiring Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places.
Easter Vigil		at 7.00 pm	People of the Parish.
Easter Sunday		at 11.30 am	Bev & Ged Gibbons (Ruby Anniversary), Alan Gell - special intention

On Tuesday of this 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.

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 you 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. Please collect a hymn book on the way in.

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 outside 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 are being contacted by email for your availability.

EASTER SUNDAY Mass at 11.30 am

Palm Sunday. Holy Angels RC Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF @4pm.

Cantores Oecumenica Present 'STABAT MATER' World Premier.

Dedicated to the Mothers of Ukraine. Retiring collection for 'Ukraine Charity 2022 War Crisis Appeal', for medical supplies and equipment, at <http://ukrainecharity.org/> and at <https://cantoresoec.org/> (Where donations can be made on CROWDFUNDING PAGE if not able to attend)

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.

We pray for our sick: Deacon Bernard McConnell, Catherine Neuman (sister of John Humphries), 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, Yvonne Wint. **Anniversaries:** Fr Jim Boyd, scj, Michael Joseph Martin

THE TABLET . This International Catholic weekly has been delivered here at St Joseph's, on a sale or return basis for quite a few decades. Please be advised that we continue to struggle with copies of The Tablet not being required, for one reason or another. We have therefore regrettably requested that our regular order at the end of the month be ended. We will keep hold of a few old copies, if anybody wishes to have details of how their weekly copy can be delivered to their home.

SUNDAY TEAS. We were hoping to resume Sunday Teas / Coffees on Easter Sunday 17th April. As the number of sufferers with virus (even if not severe) is increasing, we feel it would be prudent to wait until the weather is a little warmer when the Parish Hall doors can be opened to create an air-flow. So we intend to resume Sunday Teas / Coffees on Sunday 1st May please God.

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. For more information or to register interest please email Fr Tony at christchurchhg@yahoo.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

The brochure and booking forms for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk. Overland travel is by coach only and this leaves on Thursday July 28th arriving in Lourdes the following day and leaving Lourdes on August 4th. There is a flight option from Liverpool Airport on July 29th and leaving on August 4th. Fr Sharrocks from St Peter's in Hazel Grove, is also investigating the possibility of people, who may wish to do so, travelling by train using the overnight couchette trains in France leaving Stockport on July 28th mid morning and arriving in Lourdes the morning of the 29th and leaving the evening of August 4th and back in Stockport early afternoon on August 5th. This will involve changing stations in London and Paris. No assistance will be available on this method of travel but those who are interested are asked to get in touch as soon as possible with Fr Sharrocks at St Peter's (483 3476 or petersharrocks@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk) For young people under the age of 22 the bookings are being handled by the Diocesan Youth Service only who are organising a Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage which will travel by coach only and go out a day earlier. Further information about the Youth Pilgrimage and booking forms can be obtained from the SYMT at youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN. Many thanks to a dozen or so parishioners who devoted time to spring cleaning the church this weekend. Hopefully we will spiritually benefit from this devotion to our church.