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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Easter Vigil	at 7.00 pm	People of the Parish.	EASTER SUNDAY
Easter Sunday	at 11.30 am	Bev & Ged Gibbons (Ruby Anniversary), Alan Gell - special intention	
Easter Sunday	at 1.30 pm	Our Ukrainian Community Palm Sunday Mass	

Monday	18	12 noon	Shaun McCann Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday	19	12 noon	Frank Wilson 1st Anniversary Sean Gibbons Anniversary
Wednesday	20	12 noon	Oliver Gilsenan intentions
Thursday	21	12 noon	Peggy & Keith Donne RIP
Friday	22	12 noon	Michael John Ford intentions
Saturday	23	5 pm	George Carr Recently Deceased
Saturday	23	1.45 pm	Our Ukrainian Community Blessing of Easter baskets.
Sunday	24	11.30 am	Ann Rush Anniversary Sunday
Sunday	24	1.30 pm	Our Ukrainian Community Easter Sunday Mass

We pray for our sick: Mary McTigue, Catherine Neuman (sister of John Humphries), Deacon Bernard McConnell, John Jenkins, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, 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. **Latently Dead:** George Carr, Jeanet Love, Yvonne Wint, Ida Thorn (102), Kevin McKiernan **Anniversaries:** Frank Wilson, Shaun McCann, Sean Gibbons, Ann Rush

Prayers please for Pauline and Geoff Barker's family

We ask you to pray for Pauline and Geoff Barker's family, especially their daughter Sarah and her daughter. Sarah's husband, Lee, was flying in a small aircraft just over two weeks ago. This plane went missing over the British Channel and as yet has not been recovered. God of Mercy and Compassion look after Sarah and her family and give them strength to live through this difficult time. Amen.

St Mary's in the Market Place

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to Fr Blaise and the staff and pupils, from St Joseph's, who came to St. Mary's to lead us in our singing for our lunchtime service last Tuesday afternoon. Your visit was such great witness to Christian unity and we'd love to be able to do it again sometime. The disciples were delightful – so polite and friendly and a real credit to the school. Please pass on our thanks to the children. Have a blessed Easter, Rev'd Marie Flint, Curate – Parish of Stockport and Brinnington

The Regina Caeli is said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice alleluia.
 R. For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
 V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
 R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
 V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
 R. For Christ, your Son, has risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the whole world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant we beseech you, that through the prayers of His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

FOOTSTEPS. Do come on **Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm** to **St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove** to hear **Mary Hardiman** present her thoughts on "What I want is mercy". Always a captivating and thought provoking speaker, Mary will be looking at what mercy means and how it reflects the heart of God. She will offer examples from the gospels and suggestions on how we can practise mercy. Footsteps is a series of talks by people who can help us on our Christian journey. There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. We'd love you to be there!

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.

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 christchurchg@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

A FOND FAREWELL

This year we had a Monday of Holy Week with a difference. As always our primary school staff and our children rose to the occasion of bidding farewell and thanks to Mrs Claire Spinks, as Headteacher. Mrs Spinks has been with us on a temporary basis since January 2021. As we began the holiest week of the church's calendar, we recognised some similarities. This past week we have celebrated Jesus' role of educating and training his apostles and disciples during the three years of his public life. Jesus, the Teacher, had reached out to thousands of students on hillsides, waterfronts and synagogues. His mission complete, he continued to do his Father's will, namely give his life for us and to reassure us that he would not leave us on our own, but that he would send us his Spirit. That Spirit has continued to influence the ongoing formation of teachers and pupils alike. Mr Martin Bourke, our Chair of Governors, highlighted the difficult role Mrs Spinks, and her staff, have had in school during the past fourteen months, in guiding themselves and their pupils throughout the pandemic. Her leadership and support to children and staff alike has been much appreciated. And just as she takes on a new Headship elsewhere, we thank her for her headship with us and wish her all the best for the future.

THE SACRED HEART FATHERS COMMUNITY

Fr. Blaise, Fr David, Fr. Jim and Rev'd Terry

wish you all

A JOYOUS AND BLESSED EASTER