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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	07	5 pm	Frank Wilson - RIP . Fr Gerry Jordan, scj	Annivesary
Sunday	08	11.30 am	Kathleen (Anniversary) and Paul Peers – RIP	
Monday	09	8.15 am	Walsingham pilgrims intentions	
Monday	09	12 noon	Francis John Dolan	Recently Deceased
Tuesday	10	12 noon	Mary Smith intentions	
Wednesday	11	12 noon	Mary Groarke intentions	
Thursday	12	12 noon	Tom Wallis	RIP
Friday	13	11.45 am	People of the parish	
Saturday	14	5 pm	Sheila Sanderson	Recently Deceased
Sunday	15	11.30 am	Eamon Regan	Anniversary

MASS ON FRIDAY is at 11.45 am. Fr Jim has a burial at Blacon Cemetery, Chester, at 2.00 pm.

Rosary, in Church, on Friday, will be led by our school disciples at 11.30 am.

We may also be joined by Year 3, who continue to prepare for First Forgiveness and Holy Communion.

We pray for our sick: Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Catherine Neuman, Deacon Bernard McConnell, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Haydan 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, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey. **Anniversaries:** Fr Gerry Jordan, scj, Kathleen Peers, Eamon Regan. **Latently Dead:** John Jenkins, Sheila Sanderson, Peter Stanton, Francis Michael Dolan, Jackie Leonard, Tony Horton.

William Peter Stanton. We extend our sincere condolences to the family of William Peter Stanton, who died 25th March at Stepping Hill Hospital aged 74 years. The interment service will take place on Friday 13th May at Blacon cemetery, Chester at 2 pm. May he Rest In Peace.

Walsingham 2022 We start with **Mass at 8:15am** on **Monday 9th May 2022** at St Joseph's.

The coach will **depart at 9am**. As the friendly farmer has closed permanently, we have struggled to find a stop for lunch so will be stopping slightly earlier than usual at the Mansfield McArthur Glen outlet as there are plenty of food outlets. You are of course welcome to bring a sandwich. On the departure day you will receive your room card and an information booklet. Any questions please contact Shelagh Humphries 07853176698.

All Red Box holders are invited to attend the Shrewsbury Diocesan Mass for missio with Bishop Mark Davies: Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm. St Michael & All Angels Church, New Hey Rd, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE. Refreshments follow at St Michael's Primary School. To assist with planning please email theresa@missio.org.uk.

The Malpas Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) celebrated their Golden Jubilee at the High Street Church, Malpas, on the last Saturday of April with Fr Jim and Brother Richard. They were joined by Fr Thaddeus Opara from Whitchurch. The Malpas UCM were joined by the Diocesan President, Mary Dearden and other UCM members from the Shrewsbury Diocese. We prayed for Fr Andrew Ryder who started the UCM and Fr John Gaul, who was the last SCJ to leave Malpas when he retired to Stockport in 2013. The Mass concluded with various presentations and then some social time.

Acts 13:14,43-52*'We must turn to the pagans'*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5**R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock **R**
Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 · *The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

John 10:27-30 *I know my sheep and they follow me*

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH 11

As our primary school will be on holidays on Jubilee Day, Friday 3rd June, we are having our school celebrations in honour of the Queen on Friday 20th May. The morning celebrations begin at 9.30 with a May Procession from school to church. In Crowning Our Blessed Lady, we will ask her to continue blessing our Queen of the United Kingdom and 14 other Commonwealth realms. As parishioners we hope to join the school procession at the school front entrance, via the Parish Hall, and follow the children along St Petersgate and Tatton Street to the church crowning.

Xaverian Missionaries have been assigned to our diocese this year. One of their priests will come and do an appeal next weekend at St Joseph's, Saturday and Sunday 14 /15 May.

FOOTSTEPS - Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm: St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove. SK7 4EA. Mary Hardiman presents her thoughts on "What I want is mercy". Looking at what mercy means and how it reflects the **Heart** of God. Offering examples from the gospels and suggestions on how we can practise mercy.