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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	21	5 pm	Don Somerville	Recently Deceased	6th Sunday of Easter (C)
Sunday	22	11.30 am	Vera Jenkins		Birthday Remembrance
Monday	23	12 noon	Geraldine Royle	intentions	
Tuesday	24	12 noon	Tony Horton		Recently Deceased
Wednesday	25	12 noon	Catherine Martin's	intentions	
Thursday	26	12 noon	ASCENSION OF THE LORD		People of the parish intentions
Friday	27	12 noon	Bernard & Patrick Groarke		RIP
Saturday	28	5 pm	Mary Matthews		Anniversary
Sunday	29	11.30 am	Jackie Leonard		Recently Deceased

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: Vera Jenkins, Mary Matthews

Lately Dead: Mgr Chris Lightbound, Don Somerville, Jackie Leonard, Tony Horton.

SUNDAY TEAS. St Joseph's intend to recommence Sunday teas/coffee after 11.30am Mass this Sunday 22nd May 2022, after almost 30 months of staying safe. The weather will be warmer from now on and hopefully we will be able to have doors open to keep an air-flow through the Parish Hall. We will request that Parishioners leave Church by the main door, turn right and enter the Hall via the outer door. We ask that you wear a face mask, collect your drink and only remove your face mask when you are seated at a table. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate in Shrewsbury Diocese

Are you thinking about becoming a permanent deacon or do you know someone who might be thinking about a vocation to the diaconate? The Church is the pilgrim people of God and the programme of diaconal formation should itself be seen as a journey in faith. 'The history of ...every Christian vocation is the history of an inexplicable dialogue between God and human beings, between the love of God who calls and the freedom of individuals who respond lovingly to him.' (Pope John Paul II, Pastores dabo vobis 36) The diaconate formation team is holding a time of reflection for men who are thinking about the call to the ministry of service on Sunday 26th June 2022 at St Anne's Church, Nantwich at 2pm. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, to reflect and to pray for vocations to the permanent diaconate. For more information please contact: Deacon John Penny Tel: 07973375422 Email: johncpenny@gmail.com Or Deacon David Hill Tel:07407407606 David2007hill@hotmail.co.uk

Stockport Prayer Breakfast: Friday 27th May, 8 – 9 am. St Mary's Parish Church, SK1 1YG. Refreshments from 7.30 am. Join Christians from across the Borough to pray for our town, its people and churches. RSVP by Tuesday 24th May, please: kevin.mckenna70@ntlworld.com

CONGRATULATIONS to County on being promoted to National League 2 at the beginning of the week. Their promotion, after 11 years, was recognized by fans and Parliament during the week.

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 *It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Psalm 66 **R/ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Apocalypse 21 *He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia! Jn14:23

John 14:23-29. *A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage. Join us on the 2022 Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes 27th July – 5th August. Ages 16 – 22 Cost £570. Additional Insurance £33. For Information or application form, email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Pauline Marie Jaricot to be declared a 'Blessed'

Sunday 22 May is a day of prayer and celebration for our overseas mission organisation '**Missio**', and indeed the whole Church. One of its founders, Pauline Marie Jaricot, will be beatified in Lyon. It's a leap forward on the path to Sainthood that will see Pauline Jaricot declared a 'Blessed'.