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**SACRED HEART FATHERS**

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

Saturday	28	5 pm	Mary Matthews	Anniversary
Sunday	29	11.30 am	Jackie Leonard	Recently Deceased. David Leigh 1st Anniversary
Monday	30	12 noon	Peggy & Keith Donne	RIP
Tuesday	31	12 noon	Frank Wilson	RIP
Wednesday	01	12 noon	Cynthia Merez	RIP
Thursday	02	12 noon	Catherine & Brian Groarke	RIP
Friday	03	12 noon	Book of Remembrance and Deceased SCJs in May 2022	
Saturday	04	5 pm	Fr Seamus Jones, scj	Anniversary. Parishioners intentions.
Sunday	05	11.30 am	Fr Seamus Jones, scj	Anniversary

**We pray for our sick:** Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Catherine Neuman, Deacon Bernard McConnell, Oliver Gilsean, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, 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 Seamus Jones, scj, David Leigh (1st), Frank Kenny

**Lately Dead:** Mgr Chris Lightbound, Rene Healey

**NEW CHURCH BOILER**

Last weekend we received the very welcome news from the Diocese that they have approved the boiler replacement project for St Joseph's church. To this end Richard Crawford, Property Manager of the Diocese, has instructed Atkins to commence pulling matters together to enable this work to take place. The plan will be to look at removing the existing garage with a view to installing a preformed unit to contain the new boiler etc. We will try to keep you informed as this progresses further. As they have done since last November, Mike Mason and Dominic Wells will continue to push this project forward.

**SUNDAY TEAS.** St Joseph's successfully recommenced Sunday teas/coffee after 11.30am Mass last Sunday, after almost 30 months of staying safe. About 20 parishioners felt at home once again, with plenty of space between the tables. The weather is warmer now and hopefully we will be able to have doors open to keep an air-flow through the Parish Hall. We 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.

**Diocesan vacancies:** Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. **PA to the Director of Schools** and **Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team.** Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies) Closing date Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**NO THROUGH WAY** applying to both Churchgate and Heaton Lane. Churchgate will be closed to traffic from 7th June. A 'bus gate', in both directions, is operating on Heaton Lane town centre — meaning only buses, cyclists, and taxis may access that section of the road, where Traffic Enforcement Cameras are in operation.

**Acts 7:55-60** · *The stoning of Stephen*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

**Psalm 96**

*R/ The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. His throne is justice and right. **R/**

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. All you spirits, worship him. **R/**

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth, exalted far above all spirits. **R/**

**Apocalypse 22**

*Come, Lord Jesus*

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.' I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia! Jn14:18

**John 17:20-26**

*Father, may they be completely one*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

**PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN**

**(During the PLATINUM JUBILEE - 2nd to 5th June)**

We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen;

may she continue to know the steadfast love of God and serve her people faithfully.

*Following the Prayer after Communion:*

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

*R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

*R. And let my cry come before you.*

V. The Lord be with you.

*R. And with your spirit.*

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*