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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	25	5 pm	A Month of prayer to the Sacred Heart intentions
Sunday	11.30		Sacred Heart ints. Sheila Ann, John & Hannah Fitzgerald, Pauline Veronica Little. RIP
Monday	27	12 noon	A Month of prayer to the Sacred Heart intentions
Tuesday	28	12 noon	Sacred Heart Intentions. 7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Vigil
Wednesday	29	12 noon	Ss PETER & PAUL Holyday of Obligation. Raymund Smith - Anniversary
Thursday	30	12 noon	A Month of prayer to the Sacred Heart intentions
Friday	01	12 noon	Book of Remembrance and Sacred Heart Fathers who died this June
Saturday	02	5 pm	People of the parish.
Sunday	03	11.30 am	Ilse Collinge - Anniversary

We pray for our sick: Moira Le Mattina, Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsenan, Michael John Ford, Haydan Fletcher, John McCormick, Tina Labella, Margaret Runcieman, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Marion Williams, Celia Meehan, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey. **Anniversaries:** Raymund Smith, Ilse Collinge, Sheila Ann Fitzgerald. **Latelty Dead:** Fr Paul Hughes, Catherine Neuman – Funeral on Thursday, Therese Feerick

UKRAINE. Stockport Ukrainian Club and Stockport Council invite you to show solidarity with Ukraine and join together from **7pm on Wednesday 29th June at St Peter's Square**. Send a unified message of support to all Ukrainian people as we stand together in a quiet, reflective and prayerful Stockport vigil, led by the Right Revd Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport. This will be followed by a celebration of Ukrainian culture through dance, music and song. St Peter's Church will be open for refreshments and those wishing to light a candle.

The **Sisters of Evron** are looking for a **House Coordinator**, to coordinate the administrative, care and household duties involved in the running of their community house for Senior Sisters in Stockport. For job description and further details apply to: Sister Phyllis Hughes, St Bede's Presbytery, 25 Church Lane, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3NP or philevron@yahoo.co.uk Closing date for applications 30th June

FIRST FORGIVENESS. We pray for our Year 3 children who will celebrate their First Forgiveness on Tuesday 5th July at 6.00 pm .

St Joseph's Primary School Summer Fair - Friday 8th July, 3.30pm - 5pm
Stalls, bottle tombola, sweet tombola, food/drinks, bouncy castle, raffle and lots of other exciting things!!!

Vacancies have arisen at **St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton** for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Details on our website: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/education-department-vacancies>

FOOTSTEPS. Do come on **TUESDAY 5 JULY at 8pm to St Peter's parish centre**, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA to hear **Fr Chris Thomas** reflect on the radical nature of God's love for us and then our love as disciples and what that might mean. The author of ten books and a gifted speaker, Fr Chris has been described as "a very gentle man who has a deep relationship with the Lord which he shares in various ways: interesting, humorous, challenging, comforting." 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. You'd be most welcome!

1 Kings 19

Elisha leaves the plough to follow Elijah

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Psalm 15

R/ O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

Galatians 5:1,13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: *Love your neighbour as yourself*. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Luke 9: 51 – 62 As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Timothy Cho, North Korean Escapee This coming Friday, July 1st, at 8pm following Adoration, Timothy Cho will be speaking at St Peter's Church, Hazel Grove. Timothy Cho was born in North Korea, escaped twice, and imprisoned four times during his persevering journey to find the democratic life he cherishes today. Since arriving in the UK he has achieved a BA degree in International Relations & Politics at the University of Salford and an MA in International Relations & Security at the University of Liverpool. He joined Fiona Bruce MP (Prime Minister's special envoy for freedom of religion) as an aide in 2018-19. He currently works as an Inquiry Clerk to the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on North Korea. He has stood as a local election candidate in the last two elections. **Looking back, Timothy says: "It's been a very long journey I have come from where I was born in totalitarian North Korea and my experience of living there was that I didn't know who I was, what choice I had, what I loved and what my dream was. But God has never left me alone. I still remember the moment of my first prayer to God in Shanghai prison cell. It was a very dark, scary, terrifying and hopeless prison cell I realized. I couldn't achieve freedom by myself. Kneeling to God for my survival and freedom was my last hope. Suffering doesn't destroy our faith but refines it. God is worth trusting and we never say it's impossible - because God makes all things possible!** St Peter's praise and worship band will lead us in song and we expect to finish at 9.30pm for refreshments over in the meeting room. All are very welcome.