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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	16	5 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	17	11.30 am	Janet Adams, Mary O'Donnell - Recently Deceased
Monday	18	09.30 am	Year 6 Leavers intentions 12 noon Paddy McDonagh RIP
Tuesday	19	12 noon	Special intentions
Wednesday	20	12 noon	Mullin Family RIP
Thursday	21	12 noon	Doreen Rowan intentions
Friday	22	12 noon	Maguire family and friends deceased
Saturday	23	5 pm	Fr Andrew Grant, scj - Anniversary of death in Dublin in 2003
Sunday	24	11.30 am	Fr Andrew Grant, scj - Anniversary of death in Dublin in 2003

We pray for our sick: Doreen Rowan, Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Oliver Gilsean, 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:** Fr Patrick Harnett, and Fr Andrew Grant, scj

School Streets - St Joseph's: Fletcher Street is a NO THROUGH route from Wellington Street to the Tiny Tots Nursery from 8.35am to 9.05am and 2.55pm to 3.25pm Monday to Wednesday this week.

M56 Eastbound Closures: Due to the ongoing upgrade between J6 at Hale Barnes and J8 at Bowden, the eastbound M56 west of Manchester airport will be closed nightly, apart from at weekend, until Friday 5 August. Times: 9 pm to 6 am (Fridays 7 am)

Fr Tim Greenway, Mill Hill Missions, Hyderabad Area, India plans to come to the UK, hopefully this year, for a month or six weeks. He is still active in the heartland of India Mission. His June Newsletter, available on our Website or at the back of the church, gives you some idea of what he is trying to do in the Mission. Since June he has had to send another twenty poor children to the boarding home attached to the school in Pargi, his old mission. That will cost about £350 each for a year. Hence the reason for his forthcoming visit to his native St Joseph's, Stockport. He needs to meet more people to gather support for his mission. Our Friday group have helped him tremendously since the mid 1970s. Of course, Our Friday Group have been restricted in their fund raising in the past few years. In the mid seventies Fr Tim was still in his thirties and now he is well into his 80's! Anyway, he tells us, he has enjoyed his life. He has really enjoyed being a missionary even though struggling with a strange language and vastly different culture and among the poorest in India. He hopes to continue!! With my prayer and best wishes, Fr. Tim.

FUNDRAISING: There will be a **Sale of Cakes** in Aid of Fr Tim Greenway's Mission in India next Sunday, 24h July after the 11.30 Mass in the Parish Hall

PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2021-23: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

Genesis 18:1-10 ·

'Next year your wife Sarah will have a son'

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Psalm 14(15):2-5

R/ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R/**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, Who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R/**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever **R/**

Colossians 1:24-28 · *A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia! Ac16:14

Luke 10:38-42

Martha works; Mary listens

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

SUNDAY TEAS. St Joseph's Sunday teas/coffee after 11.30am Mass are continuing. There is plenty of space between the tables. The weather is definitely, and becoming **dangerously, warmer** this weekend and we will have to have the 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. Please look out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours. Thanks.