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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	30	5 pm	Frank Wilson	RIP
Sunday	31	11.30 am	Peggy & Keith Donne	RIP
Monday	01	12 noon	Holy Souls	
Tuesday	02	12 noon	Anthony Healey intentions	
Wednesday	03	12 noon	Teresa O'Rourke	Recently Deceased
Thursday	04	12 noon	Catherine Martin intentions	
Friday	05	12 noon	Book of Remembrance and Deceased SCJs in July 2022.	
Saturday	06	5 pm	Bill Hall	Recently Deceased
Sunday	07	11.30 am	Parishioners	

We pray for our sick: Anthony Healey, Doreen Rowan, 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: Terence Radcliffe

Lately Dead: Teresa O'Rourke, Bill Hall, Jacqueline Oldham

Columban Missionaries in Britain. We continue to thank God for **Fr. John Boles** who was appointed Director of the region on the feast of St Columban, 23rd November, 2021. **Fr. Bernard McDermott**, was appointed Vice Director. Fr. John Boles left England around 40 years ago to work as a missionary priest in South America. He served as an overseas volunteer adviser in Nicaragua from 1983 until 1988. Subsequently, he joined the Missionary Society of St. Columban and did his seminary training in Ireland, the USA, Bolivia and Peru between 1989 and 1995. He was ordained at Our Lady and the Apostles, Stockport, in 1996 and was almost immediately sent back to South America as a priest, ministering in Peru until 2006, Chile from 2007 to 2013 and Peru once again from 2014.

Fr. John has, therefore, spent most of his working life outside Britain and explains, "For these three years (2021 – 2024), I look forward to giving back something to my own people in return for all the wonderful generosity you've shown me, my fellow Columbans and the folk we accompany out there on the missions." With a passion for travel, history and architecture, Fr. John continues as a member of the Mission Awareness and Appeals team, supporting mission education and promoting mission awareness in parishes across Britain. Accompanying Fr. John is Fr. Bernard (Bernie) McDermott. A founding member of the British region, Fr. Bernie was the first Director in 1988 and served two further terms between 1998 and 2004. He has also been a regular member of the Mission Awareness and Appeals team. Fr. Bernie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new role and to the task of assisting and supporting Fr. John with leading the Region over these three years in office.

Prayer of Priests by St. John Vianney (Feastday on Thursday)

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23*Vanity of vanities; all is vanity*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity

Psalm 89*R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.***Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11** · *You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Luke 12:13-21*Fool! This very night your soul will be demanded of you*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 28 July to 5 August<http://www.lourdes-france.org/>

The prayer intentions of the pilgrimage are:

1. For the renewal of our Diocesan Pilgrimage that we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes
2. For the peace of the world as we entrust all humanity, especially Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
3. For all the people of our diocese that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy
4. For all the young people of our diocese that amidst the uncertainties of our time they may respond with joy to their vocation in life.

You can follow some of the Masses on the Lourdes website and especially the International Mass this Sunday at 8 30 British Summer time and our Mass at the Grotto on Monday August 2nd at 9 00 a.m. BST. We shall also be taking part in the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Monday August 2nd at 4 00 p.m. BS.

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