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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

Saturday	06	5 pm	Bill Hall Recently Deceased.	Peadar Sheridan Anniversary
Sunday	07	11.30 am	Parishioners.	Monday 12 noon. Baby Oscar (18 months) intentions
Tuesday	09	12 noon	Marsh Family intentions.	Wednesday 12 noon Frank Wilson RIP
Thursday	11	12 noon	Frankie Devine RIP.	Friday 12 noon Dougie Millar RIP
Saturday	13	5 pm	Peggy Donne (Anniversary). Sunday 11.30 am Fr Con Botter, scj (Anniversary)	

We pray for our sick: Andrea Adabayeri, Anthony Healey, Margaret Runcieman, Doreen Rowan, Vera Henderson, Mary McTigue, Haydan Fletcher, Tina Labella, Sandra Mooney, Roy Curran, Teresa Grice, Celia Meehan, Alwyn McCann, Winifred Leanaghan, Robyn Gibbons, Betty McIntosh, Patricia Mounsey.
Anniversaries: Peadar Sheridan, Peggy Donne, Fr Con Botter. **Lately Dead:** Bernard Barnet, Bill Hall

Eucharistic Healing Service, Wednesday 17 August, 7.30, St James RC Church, Heywood Way, Salford, M6 5UJ, led, by Fr John Baptist Bashobora from Uganda, a priest with an internationally renowned healing ministry.

Denominal Inspection Report (2022): The Catholic life of St Joseph's School and Religious Education. Collective Worship. Prayer and liturgy are central to the life of the school and approached in a very thoughtful, reverent, and spiritual way. The use of meditation was particularly moving • Pupils are fully engaged in all aspects of leading prayer and liturgy. They value their role and were very skillful in planning and leading the younger children in prayer, meditation, and reflection • A Collective Act of Worship was a powerful expression of their enthusiasm and leadership skills. It was very spiritual, reflective, and joyful, especial shown in their "mission dance!" • Good reference is made to the Church's Liturgical Year and gives a clear purpose to all opportunities for prayer and liturgy, making good use of resources and always reflecting the Mission Statement • Work on other faiths accurately reflects Diocesan guidelines and enables pupils to grow in understanding their faith and that of others • All classes keep their own Prayer and Liturgy books and how they celebrate together as a class • The School Disciples lead Rosary and prayers for the parish and are keen to return to more of their involvement in the local community. They are at present preparing to lead, pray and reflection in a joint church service with other Christian denominations in Stockport • Senior leaders are skilled in developing approaches to prayer and liturgy. They are well placed to develop the roles of all in leading prayer and liturgy in its fullness through the school • Senior leaders accurately monitor and evaluate progress in Religious Education and approaches to Prayer and Liturgy. This helps them to accurately identify areas for future development • The Parish Priest and Curate offer tremendous support to the school community and play a very supportive role in the formation of staff and pupils • Parents speak of how supported they feel and the impact this worshipping community has on them. There has been an increase in the number of adults who have returned or sought out membership of this faith community • St Joseph's is rooted in its Catholic tradition, in which prayer, worship and celebration is at the heart of all they do.

Lourdes: Urgent Helpers required for pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Across charity *Overland by Jumbulance from Chester* Departs – Thu 8th September Returns – Sat 17th September **Must have GB Passport and be COVID vaccinated.** Further details from **Tony Murphy** 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk www.across.org.uk ***'I've always wanted to go to Lourdes'***

"Table Top Sale" Sunday 7th August 2022 after 11.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Please pop in and join us for a viewing and cuppa.

Wisdom 18:6-9 That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Psalm 32

RI Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia! Mt11:25

Luke 12:32-48 Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'