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SACRED HEART FATHERS

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

6 - 13 December 2020			2 nd Sunday of Advent (B)
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	Carol Clayton Recently Deceased
	Sunday	11.30 am	Jean & Lawrence Glenn Intentions
	Monday, Wednesday	No 12 noon Mass	Tuesday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	Thursday, Saturday	No 12 noon Mass	
Weekday Masses	Tuesday	12 noon	Shaun McCann RIP
	Wednesday	By Invitation only	Requiem Mass for Edith Ryan at 11.30
	Friday	12 noon	Frانيا & Margaret intentions
Weekend Masses	Sunday (Vigil)	05.00 pm	People of the parish
	Sunday	11.30 am	Margaret Edwards Recently Deceased

Anna Wiacek RIP

Reception into church on Sunday 6th December at 4.30 (By invitation only)

Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.45 am. Committal at Stockport Crematorium at 12.15 pm

Edith Ryan RIP

(By invitation only)

11.30 Requiem Mass on Wednesday 9th December, prior to burial at Stockport Borough Cemetery

Margaret Edwards: Reception into church on Wednesday 9th December at 6.30 pm

Requiem Mass on Thursday at 1.00 pm Committal at Stockport Crematorium at 2.30 pm

Christmas Masses Booking Form available at the back of church or on our website.

To help us plan our Christmas Masses in line with Covid-19 precautions we are asking everyone attending to book a place at Mass. If needs be there will be 2 Masses on Christmas Eve and 2 on Christmas Day. Please take this form away with you and fill it in at your leisure. Please indicate which Mass you wish to attend: **1 for first preference, 2 for second preference, and the number in your household group.**

People must not mingle in groups of more than 6 (unless from the same household).

Mass date and Time	Preference	Number in Household Group
Thursday 24 th December 5pm Vigil	()	()
Thursday 24 th December 8pm Vigil	()	()
Friday 25 th December 9-30 am	()	()
Friday 25 th December 11-30am	()	()

Then the Form needs your Name, Address, Contact number(s), email if possible. Thank you.

In due course we will contact you to let you know the outcome of the questionnaire.

HANDS

FACE

SPACE

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. 'Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Psalm 84(85):9-14 **R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia! Lk3:4,6

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Margaret Edwards Our sincere sympathies to Laurie and Jean Glenn on the death of Laurie's sister, Margaret Edwards. RIP. We also keep in our prayers Margaret's six children and their aunt Pat and uncle Tony in Bournemouth and all the extended Edwards and Glenn families.