

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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19th November 2023

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for November:

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2nd.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	19 th November Ints: HOLY SOULS. MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners and HOLY SOULS.	Thursday	23 rd November NO MASS
Monday 6 ³⁰ -7 ³⁰ pm	20 th November Session 3 - First Sacraments	Friday	24 th November NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	21 st November DAILY MASS Ints: HOLY SOULS	Saturday 4 pm	25 th November VIGIL MASS Ints: HOLY SOULS.
Wednesday 10 am	22 nd November DAILY MASS Ints: HOLY SOULS.	Sunday 9 am	26 th November MORNING MASS Ints: Jan Kracinski.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Jarek Tomaszewski, Kathleen Williams.

A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Bill. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible.

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Fr Bill Writes:

We began the week with the Funeral Service for Anita Carter, and thank you to all our Parishioners who attended to support Sean, and the members of Anita's family, who had travelled to Holy Spirit for her funeral.

A big thank you to our Children's Liturgy Group who arranged a beautiful Remembrance Service as part of the 9am Mass on Sunday last, it was greatly appreciated by all who attended the Mass.

We continue to remember all our dead during the month of November, designated by the Church as a special time of prayer for the souls of the Faithful Departed, many of whom were our family members and friends, now gone before us marked with the The Sign of Faith.

The First Sacrament Candidates had their second preparatory session on Monday evening last, and they will continue with session three this coming Monday evening, at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Thank you to the candidates' parents for the prompt arrival of all the Candidates, and pick up after the sessions, it is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Dermot Byrne MHM will supply the weekend Masses again this weekend, as Fr. Bill has a break, we are thankful for Fr. Dermot's Ministry.

This weekend, we celebrate in all our Catholic Diocese — National Safeguarding Sunday. Helen Johnson, who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, for St. Bernadette's, Brinnington, as well as for Holy - Spirit, Marple; will reintroduce herself to congregations at the Masses in both parishes. If Parishioners have any issues in relation to safeguarding you can raise them with Helen. We are most thankful to Helen for taking on this role, which is so important in our parishes, ensuring that our Children, and Vulnerable Adults are kept safe always. Do give Helen a warm welcome, as I know you will.

This weekend is the last call for the Red Missio Boxes. If you have one that needs emptying, please bring it along to the Church.

Robert Moss and his team have begun their preparations for Advent Tombolas, you are invited once again to be as generous as possible in your support. Tombolas as always will be held on the first two Sundays of Advent - December 3rd & 10th after the 4 pm Vigil Mass and 9 am Sunday Mass. On the third Sunday of Advent Fr. Bill will make 100 or so bottles of Red & White wine available for purchase @ £5 per bottle, monies from the Wine Sale will be divided between the Church Building Fund and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Sale of HCPT Christmas Cards will continue at all Masses this weekend, thanks to Liz Bute for providing the cards and organising the sale. Veronica Harrison will also hold a Mini Sale of Christmas Items in aid of The Church In Need.

A total of £1412 was raised by the recent Cafod Harvest Appeal. Thanks to everyone for being so generous.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Proverbs 31: 10-13,19-20,30-31 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

The first reading for this Sunday is taken from the Book of Proverbs. The contents of the book are made up from the observations of the writer, who relies heavily on the experience of others as well. They have seen what it takes for a woman to have much influence for the good, by going about her work with a sense of purpose, which enables others to see the dignity that work well done can bring, elevating the status of the woman in the eyes of her onlookers.

Today's second reading is from St. Paul to the Thessalonians, where he warns them to be ready, because he says it is not possible to predict at what time the Lord may come. The true disciple will be active about the things of the Kingdom he or she will not be found wanting, if the Lord comes unexpectedly, and so their reward will be immediate.

In today's Gospel we continue to read from St. Matthew, and much of what is related to us today is linked to the Gospels of the past few Sundays. Preparing themselves to receive the Kingdom should be foremost by way of preparation for the disciple. St. Matthew's use of the imagery of talents is very telling in today's Gospel, talents are given to us for the use of one another as we prepare for the coming of God's Kingdom.