

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
7th May 2023
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for May:

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sunday Vigil 6pm 9am	7 th May Ints:John O' Grady / Ian Fraser. MORNING MASS King Charles	Thursday	11 th May NO MASS
Monday	8 th May NO MASS	Friday	12 th May NO MASS
Tuesday 7pm	9 th May MASS St. Peter Bereavement Group (All Welcome)	Saturday 12:30pm Vigil 6pm	13 th May First Holy Communion Mass 2023. Intentions: Ian / Michael / Stephen Daniel. (A)
Wednesday 10am	10 th May DAILY MASS Intentions:Ian Frazer.	Sunday 9am	14 th May MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Nina Noworyta, Kathleen Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Kathleen Jones, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, Pat Owen, Jonathan Davison, Mary Abbott.

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:

This weekend throughout the Nation and Commonwealth we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Many communities will hold their own street parties, which will feature among the many other and varied celebrations. In our weekend Masses we will use the Special Prayers provided for us by the "English Conference of Bishops" to pray for our New King Charles and his Royal Household.

On Thursday evening last 20 Candidates celebrated their "First Forgiveness" here at Holy Spirit" it was great to see the many Candidates along with their families, all taking an active part in this very important step of Celebrating 1st Forgiveness, in preparation for 1st Holy Communion on Saturday May 13th at 12:30pm. Fr. Bill, would like to thank his team Mrs. Ashton, Chris Buxton, and Rev. Fr. Geoff O'Grady who helped with the celebration of First Forgiveness.

Holy Spirit Parish, will be joining with St. Bernadette's, Brinnington for the celebration of Confirmation on Thursday June 22nd at St. Peter's Church, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, time of Celebration to be advised later. Candidates are those in Years 7/8/ at any local Secondary Schools or anyone in years above wishing to receive Confirmation. Fr. Bill will make Registration Forms available from next Sunday May 14th.

Our Finance Team is now working on the final reconciliation of Parish Accounts for the financial year 2022 / 23. Gracious thanks to Carol and Mike for their ongoing dedication to looking after our Parish Finances throughout the year.

At Sunday Morning Masses we have a great team of young readers, we have now just come to the end of the second rota, Fr. Bill will prepare another rota that will begin on Sunday 6th June, Sue and Liz will do the readings in the interim period. The "New Rota" of Readers for the Saturday Evening 6:00pm Vigil Mass is now available from the Table in the Foyer. If we have anyone who would like to join the "Readers Rota" let Fr. Bill know, and you can be included on the next rota.

The reintroduction of "The Chalice" has been well received, for the moment we will only make "One Chalice" available. This will give us more time to evaluate the response over a longer period.

There will be two "Choir Practices" for the Vigil Mass of Pentecost, which will be held on Thursday May 18th & 25 at 7:30pm. in preparation for our paternal parish feast day.

Bernadette, invites anyone with "Family Donation Boxes for Caritas" to bring them in for emptying, there are also boxes available for anyone needing one, or you could set up a "Standing Order."

Plant Sale — Christian Aid will hold "A Plant Sale" on Saturday May 13th at Marple Methodist Church, Church Lane 10am to 12noon. Donations of Plants, will be welcome on Friday evening May 12th from 5pm to 7pm and again on the day from 9:00am.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023

Acts 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

For our first reading today we continue to read from the "Acts of the Apostles" and this passage today is familiar to us, another account of teething difficulties in the Christian Community, this time about the distribution of food. The Disciples are quickly up to the task of finding a solution, again common sense prevails, and seven reputable men are chosen to look after the fair distribution of daily food. We notice also that the Disciples prayed over those chosen, a community that prays together stays together.

The second reading today is again from the first letter of St. Peter, where he speaks about Jesus as the "Corner Stone" this stone, has been a stumbling block for so many, especially for those of little or no Faith. In a similar way for those with Faith, Jesus has made them into a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, this is the reward in every generation for faithfulness of the many.

Today's Gospel is yet again from St. John's Gospel, in this passage we are taken to a time prior to Jesus' Death & Resurrection when he was teaching his Disciples. He was explaining to them that he was going to prepare a place for them in his "Fathers House" Thomas, says to him, we don't where you are going, so how can we know the way, then Jesus replies, to know me is to know Father, so that in loving Jesus we also love the Father.