

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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8th October 2023

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The memorial of which is celebrated on October 7th.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	8 th October Intentions: L. Doyle, L.Barnie (A) MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners	Thursday	12 th October NO MASS
Monday	9 th October NO MASS	Friday 10:45 am	13 th October ✚ REQUIEM MASS Anthony Copeland.
Tuesday 10 am	10 th October DAILY MASS Ints: Grace Birch. (A)	Saturday 6 pm	14 th October VIGIL MASS Intentions: J. Leeson. (A)
Wednesday	11 th October NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	15 th October MORNING MASS Ints: Therese Coop.

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:

This past week has been a busy one, with the Requiem Mass for Monica Walton, and the opening Mass of the school year at St. Mary's, Marple Bridge, both on Monday.

Fr. Bill also had a large funeral service on Tuesday last at St. Bernadette's Brinnington.

A big thank you to all who helped with the Requiem Mass for Monica Walton, her family appreciated the support.


This coming Friday October 13th we celebrate a Requiem Mass for Anthony Copeland at 10:45am. May all the recently deceased rest in peace.

On the feast day of Francis of Assisi last Wednesday we celebrated the end of the Season of Creation. Each year this celebration is taking on more importance, as we grapple with the world wide issue of Climate Change and its effects.

Last Sunday our Children's Liturgy helped us to celebrate the Harvest by bringing and celebrating many of the fruits of the Harvest, and praying for those countries whose Harvest has failed due to Climate Change, how fortunate we are in this part of our world.

The parish has also begun its Cafod Autumn Appeal, last Friday was Family Fast Day, a challenge to all of us who have sufficient to eat, and drink, in contrast with the many millions who are hungry in our world today. The Special Cafod Appeal Envelopes are available from the table in the Church foyer, in early November all of the monies that are donated, will be counted and sent to Cafod.

On Saturday September 30 members from the various local Churches Together took part in the Wellspring Sponsored walk. A big thank you to all who offered Sponsorship, any remaining Sponsorship Monies owing can be placed in the basket on the table in the Church foyer. Once all the monies are in we will publish the amount raised.

Our Parish Photographic Competition has been so well supported, with so many photos submitted this year.  Voting is currently underway, and will end this weekend, with the winners being announced shortly. Thanks to Robert and Margret Moss for all the hard work in getting this competition organised. It is great to see such enthusiasm generated by this year's photo competition, well done to everyone who is taking part in any way.

With regard to the New Church Entrance the Architects are currently drawing up a final spec that will be used by those tendering for the contract, and which will also be used in deciding the costings. This process will take some time to prepare.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Philippians 4: 6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

The first reading this weekend is from the prophet Isaiah, where the Lord compares the "House of Israel" to a vineyard. This is a common image used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament to describe God's Chosen People. Here Isaiah uses this image with powerful effect, to describe how God sees the failures of his very own people even though he has gone out of his way to make them special.

Our second reading this weekend again comes from St. Paul's letter to the community at Philippi, where he encourages this new community to hold on with tenacity to the teachings that he has brought to them. Be firm in your resolve to remain faithful to what you have received, and continue to pray that you will become even more committed to this gift of Faith by praying to God.

Today's Gospel from Matthew, gives us yet another parable that deals with a story of a vineyard. This Gospel shows the tensions that were mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders, who thought that Jesus' message was very dangerous. St. Matthew, was writing about seventy years after the death of Jesus, and his writings reflect clearly the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian Community for whom St. Matthew was writing.