

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
22nd January 2023
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

First Reading: (Isaiah 8:23, 9-3)

In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17)

Make up the difference between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

Gospel: (Mathew 4:12-23)

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled

Pope Francis's prayer intention for January: That educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	22nd January 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mark Nicholls Parishioners	Thursday 10am	26th January Cicely Andrew
Monday	23rd January NO MASS	Friday	27th January NO MASS
Tuesday	24th January NO MASS	Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 4pm	28th January Holy Hour & Confessions Vigil Mass
Wednesday 10am	25th January Grace Birch	Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	29th January Special intention (Abbott) Parishioners

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Last Saturday of the month 10.30am-11.30am or by arrangement
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, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom, Nina Noworyta, Kathleen Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, David Froggatt, Pat Owen, Jonathan Davison.

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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SOCIAL

Very often the real winter weather does not come on stream until January, which is the case this year. With the cost of electricity and gas steadily increasing, households are starting to receive bigger bills, this will mean many families having to go without heat. Fr. Bill has noticed that bills for Church Heating have now reached in a very short time a level that cannot be sustained by a lot of parishes. Can we expect parishioners to be in cold churches ?? and the answer is no, the same is going to apply to all public places Schools, hospitals to name but a few. With the country's finances in the state that they are in, there is no immediate government relief at hand. What a difference in Portugal, where I am currently on holiday, we had some rain showers and the locals were saying how cold it was at 15° - it felt like high summer to us tourists.

Fr. Bill will be back on duty this coming Tuesday pm. Gracious thanks to Fr. Denis Maher who has supplied the Masses in Fr. Bill's absence, it is appreciated and greatly valued. Fr. Bill, would also like to remind people not to be putting his name forward as a referee for supply references unless firstly they know Fr. Bill, and secondly they have his permission to do so. Fr. Bill Increasingly has had couples asking to have their marriage papers filled in, so that their marriage can take place outside of England, and have no connection what so ever with Holy Spirit. Fr. Bill, would remind couples and individuals that this practice of filling in references or official documents for people unknown to him, who have no connection with Holy Spirit parish is just not permissible.

Fr. Bill will reach his seventieth birthday on May 29 this year, in past years he received birthday cards almost every month of the year, parishioners like to know when their priest's birthday is. Fr. Bill is mentioning this now, as parishioners are keen to know if there is a time for priests to retire. The official retiring age for secular priests is 75, so Fr. Bill intends to continue, on a year to year basis, on the presumption that his Mental and Physical Health allows him to do so.

Fr. Bill, will make available "Registration Forms" for "First Sacraments" on the first weekend in February, of concern to Fr. Bill is the non attendance at Sunday Mass of "Year 3 Children and their Families" who will be asking to be included in the "First Sacraments Programme." Suffice to say, that attendance on a regular basis, is an essential first step, so let us have more families at our Sunday Mass and Children's Liturgy, which is so beautifully organised by Louise and Janice, and a big thank you to both for the time and effort put in by way of preparation and delivery.

This Sunday at 4:00pm the "Annual Church Unity Service" led by the Marple and District Churches Together, will be held at Marple Methodist Church. Tony Baron will take over the Chair from Fr. Bill. It would be nice to see some of our Parishioners in attendance.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday, the first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, a repeat of the reading that was read at the Vigil Mass of Christmas, the people that walked in darkness have now seen a great light. That "Great Light" has come about with the birth of "Christ" a new dawn, has come for the people. The promise made by the prophets has now well and truly been fulfilled, a Saviour has been born for us, God has come among us as one of our own.

The second reading this Sunday, is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinth Community where he asks the people to be united, this unity will clearly testify as to who they are. Clearly there were factions beginning to develop, the "Good News" was beginning to be associated with individual preachers, some were saying, Paul is the Man, others saying well Silas is the Man. Paul, reminds the Corinth Community, that the "Word of God" is the "Word of God" regardless of who preaches it, and as such should be a source of unity and not division.

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew, describes the beginning of Jesus' Public Ministry. It is placed in the context of the writings of Isaiah, because Matthew wants us to know that Jesus is truly the Messiah that was spoken of and written about by the OT Prophets. It was Isaiah who had said that the Messiah would begin his Ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. The Gospel passage concludes with a description of the Ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. He teaches in the Synagogue's, he heals people of their illness, truly the "Kingdom of God" has come amongst them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER - Saturday March 18th to Saturday 26th March with Prayer Guides available to you in the mornings, afternoons or evenings. Full information will be given at all Masses on January 28th-29th.