

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for August:

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	20 th August Intentions: Renata Broda, Jn. & Imelda Kirrane, E.Donellon. MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.	Thursday	24 th August NO MASS
Monday	21 th August NO MASS	Friday	25 th August NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	22 th August QUEENSHIP OF MARY Intentions: V. Jarman. (RIP)	Saturday 10:30-11:30am 6 pm	26 th August Exposition & Confessions. VIGIL MASS Intentions: V. Jarman. (Rec. Decd.)
Wednesday 10 am	23 th August DAILY MASS Ints: Rhonda Leeson.	Sunday 9 am	27 th August MORNING MASS Intentions: Martha Meanwell, Helen Webb(A)
Baptism/Marriage		By appointment	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		As above	

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Ruth Grace Crosby, 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 seem to have left far behind the sunny skies of last June. The weather so far since the Summer Holidays 2023 begun, has not been great, however, it has not prevented families from holidaying at home, on Staycation. Many also have flown to Europe and beyond, we wish everyone a great holiday and safe travel, whether at home or abroad. It is surprising how quickly the holiday period flies by when people are enjoying a period of relaxation, we have gone past the halfway stage of these Summer Holidays already.

We welcome any Visitors joining us for Mass at this time, we hope that you have a very enjoyable stay in Marple.

Our Parish SVP Conference Members continue the good work of visiting the housebound and sick in the Parish, if you know of anybody who would like a visit, please let Fr. Bill know. The next SVP Conference Meeting will be Friday, 1st September at 6:30pm. New Members are also welcomed to join the SVP Conference speak with Sue Tucker, Conference President or with Fr. Bill, for more information.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is always available before and after Week Day Masses and always before Sunday Masses, the Sacrament can also be celebrated on the last Saturday of each month during Exposition from 10:30am to 11:30am or at any other time by contacting Fr. Bill by telephone or email.

Funerals, Weddings, and all Baptisms are by prior appointment only. In the case of Weddings please give at least 6 Months notice to the Parish.

Now that the Parish has restored Communion under both kinds we need to increase our number of Eucharistic Ministers, Fr. Bill hopes to recruit some New Eucharistic Ministers during the month of September, training will be put in place once the New Recruits are chosen. If you would like to be part of the New Recruitment please put your NAME on the Recruitment Sheet on the table in the Church Foyer.

It is with sadness that we record the recent death of Veronica Jarman, who was part of the Prayer Group here at Holy Spirit in times past, also worked at St. Mary's School, and also as housekeeper at St. Mary's Presbytery. Her Requiem is on Friday, 25 August at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Marple Bridge. May She rest in Peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

The first reading for this Sunday is from Isaiah, God's Revelation is meant for everyone, so that anyone who receives this revelation of the good news and embraces it fully, is a member of God's Family there are no uncertainties about one's position. God invites them to do great things in his name, for the sake of the Kingdom.

The second reading this Sunday is again from St. Paul writing to the Romans, where he openly proclaims that despite the failure of the Jewish People to embrace the message of Salvation as brought by Jesus, yet God has not withdrawn his gifts from them and he never will. Paul takes on the unusual position of going to preach to the pagans in the hope that it will make his own Jewish people sit up and take notice of what it is that one of their own is being enabled to do, through the power of God working in him.

In today's Gospel we are again reading from St. Matthew, but we have moved on from the lake scenes, where Jesus has performed miraculous deeds. In today's passage Jesus has an unusual encounter with a Canaanite woman, Matthew wants us to clearly understand that the Mission of Jesus is to the people of Israel. This is one of the very few encounters in Matthew's Gospel where there is any hint of Salvation actually being directed towards the wider world, outside of the world of Israel.