

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**  
**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Pope Francis's prayer intention for July:**

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus.

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6 pm 9 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> July Intentions: Parishioners. MORNING MASS Intentions: Mary Abbott.	<b>Thursday</b> 11:15 am	6 <sup>th</sup> July REQUIEM MASS Rachel Dumont-Baber.
<b>Monday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July NO MASS	<b>Friday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> July NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> July NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> 6 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> July VIGIL MASS Intentions: Joan O'Brien.
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 am	5 <sup>th</sup> July DAILY MASS Intentions: Eric Barlow.	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	9 <sup>th</sup> July MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.
Baptism/Marriage		By appointment	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		As above	

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Ruth Grace Crosby, Bill Davies, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Neil Timperley, 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 we celebrated the Requiem Masses for Joan O'Brien and Mary Abbott. A big thank you to all who helped with these celebrations, it allowed us to give Joan & Mary a really good send off, which they thoroughly deserved. Mary Abbott gave more than fifty years in the service of the Holy Spirit Parish, in so many different roles. May they both rest in peace.

It was pleasing to see a good turnout for the feast day of SS. Peter & Paul, one of the truly great feasts in our Church Calendar.

Schools and Colleges have now a short period of weeks left until the summer holidays begin, I have already been booked to celebrate the Leavers Mass at St. Bernadette's, Brinnington, on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Last Friday Fr. Bill took part in the IAG Cancer North West Golf Day, in the region of 36k was raised on the day.

This past week work has commenced on removing the old Church boiler, there was an amount of asbestos that was removed by a Specialist Firm that part of the removal is now safely completed.

The installation of the new Church boiler will commence this coming Monday and will take approximately one week. It is a good time of year to install a boiler, and Fr. Bill is thankful to W&G Heating Engineers for their schedule.

There has also been a letter from the diocese, regarding their new contract to buy Gas & Electricity in bulk, reading through the small print, it seems that prices of Gas & Electricity on the Commercial Market, which the Churches are classed under, is going to remain high for the foreseeable future, not good news for the Parishes of the diocese.

Thank you to all who contributed to Christian Aid the amounts donated by the various Churches amounted to well in excess of 4k, and the Organisers would like to say thank you to those who made a donation.

This weekend after the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses, there will be a Cake Sale in aid of SVP Funds. Thank you to all who contributed to the SVP Children's Summer Camp Sponsored Walk, it raised in excess of £500.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS — 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023**

*2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16*

*Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11*

*Matthew 10: 37-42*

The first reading this Sunday is from the second book of Kings, where the sacred writer reminds us that any favour done for anyone will be rewarded by God. In this case the reward for looking after Elisha is enormous, the woman's generous gesture is rewarded with the gift of a Son. This is way beyond what she could ever have dreamed of.

Today's second reading is again from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, where Paul is reflecting on the affects of our sinfulness, coupled with the salvation won for us by the death of Jesus. In baptism we enter the tomb with Jesus, rising gloriously through the waters of regeneration.

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew brings to a conclusion the instructions/support that Jesus was offering disciples over the past few Sundays. In today's Gospel Jesus talks to the disciples and to us as today's disciples, about the costs involved. The conditions of discipleship as outlined by St. Matthew seem harsh, yet they remind us that making a commitment with one's whole heart, has consequences. To be a follower requires us to be committed, being lukewarm is not enough.