

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
14th May 2023
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for May:

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

Sunday Vigil 6pm 9am	14 th May Ints: Ismay, Stephen, Bill Daniel. (A) MORNING MASS Ints: B & M Abbott. / Parishioners.	Ascension Thursday 10am	18 th May DAILY MASS Intention: Renata Broda
Monday	15 th May NO MASS	Friday	19 th May NO MASS
Tuesday	16 th May NO MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm	20 th May Intentions: Elsie Donellon. (A)
Wednesday 10am	17 th May DAILY MASS Intentions: S. Brown.	Sunday 9am	21 st 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:

What a wonderful "Coronation Weekend" it turned out to be. The Coronation Service in itself had so much religious content taken directly from our Catholic Tradition which was used in the past, when the Monarch to be anointed was Catholic. It was good also to see so many street parties, as well as other celebratory gatherings across the nation, and the commonwealth.

This weekend we have had the celebration of our parish "First Holy Communion" here at Holy Spirit, which included some candidates from St. Mary's Marple Bridge. As always, it was a joyous, and well organised occasion, which candidates shared with their families and friends.

A big thank you from Fr. Bill to his team of Anna, Mary & Chris. Parent organisers Rachel Russell and Claire Tognarelli did great work in organising the candidates for their part in the "Communion Mass" and helping with the Order of Service. Gracious thanks to our Musicians, Tony Walker, Organist, and Bill and Di of the "Telford Duo" Di also gave invaluable advice regarding the Order of Service. It would be nice to see the Candidates that made their "First Holy Communion" attending Mass now regularly, and helping to build up the Catholic Communities of Holy Spirit and St. Mary's Marple Bridge.

Confirmations for our Parish and sister Parish St. Bernadette's, Brinnington will be held on June 22nd. at St. Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, time of celebration will be given nearer the time. Candidates are those of years 7 / 8 / 9 or anyone in the above years not yet Confirmed, from any of our local Secondary Schools. Application Forms are now on the table in the Church Porch, would be Candidates please take one, fill it in and return to Fr. Bill asap. Once all Applications are returned, Fr. Bill will speak with Candidates.

"Christian Aid Week" begins this Sunday see the attached sheet for details. Envelopes are not in most cases delivered to homes as they were in the past, but they are in the "Church Foyer" if you wish to use one for "Your Personal Donation." Bernadette who is the Parish Contact for "Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury" invites anyone with a collection Box for the Society to please bring it in for emptying, anyone needing a Box, chat with Bernadette or Fr. Bill.

Our Parish SVP is doing great work in our Parish, we are still open to receiving "New Members". Speak with Sue Tucker, Parish Conference President or Fr.Bill. You can always give it a trial run, without making a full commitment.

Further to the Church alterations, Fr. Bill has contacted a "Roofing Contractor" recommended by the diocese, to carry out an inspection of the Church Flat Roof, and also to repair a leak that shows up in heavy rain. Fr.Bill, has also engaged W&G heating contractors with the dioceses approval to begin the installation of a "New Church Boiler." The Church Front Entrance and outside redevelopment will need "Planning Permission" & full approval by "The Diocesan Board of Planning & Finance." Both these permissions will proceed over the coming months, as always they take time, things move very slowly at Diocesan level. The Front Entrance / Car Park Development / Front of Church redevelopment is coming in at a cost of 90k + 16k New Boiler.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us further evidence of how the early Christian Communities began to grow. Here we have Philip, one of the Apostles in a Samaritan Town, new territory, preaching the Gospel of Jesus and receiving a welcome far beyond his expectations. This success attracts Peter and John to go and assist him which brings further converts to the Faith.

Today's second reading is again from Peters 1st Letter, he encourages believers to have confidence in what they believe, if they are challenged about it, then reply in way that is respectful, and if they are mocked for their belief, they need only remember how Jesus suffered for doing his Fathers will, yet he persevered, and was proved to be right.

This week's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel from St John, Jesus is talking to his Disciples at the "Last Supper" in a short while they will see him Crucified, which will frighten them. Jesus reassures them that although he will be taken away from them, he will never abandon them. They will receive a new gift, the gift of The Holy Spirit. This Gift will complete the promises made by Jesus on several previous occasions. This Gift will help them to live in union with Jesus, even though he has been taken away in death and later ascended to the Father.