

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
19th February 2023
7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

First Reading: (Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18)

You must love your neighbour, as yourself

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God

Gospel: (Mathew: (5:38-48)

Love your enemies

Pope Francis's prayer intention for February: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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| Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am | 19th February 7 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MI & M Moran / Jenny Love Parishioners Judith Smith | Thursday | 23rd February NO MASS |
| Monday | 20th February NO MASS | Friday 12:15pm | 24th February Requiem Mass - David Mathews |
| Tuesday 6:30pm | 21st February MASS (with Ashes) Kevin West. (deceased) David Devine. (deceased) | Saturday 10:30-11:30 4pm | 25th February Exposition and Confessions Vigil Mass |
| Wednesday 10am | 22nd February DAILY MASS (Ashes) Delia & Felix Poole | Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am | 26th February Brian Platt (Anniversary) Nora & Thomas O'Neill Parishioners / Renata Broda |
| 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, 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

Our television screens, two weeks after the horror of the Syrian/Turkey earthquake are still showing the scenes of devastation, caused by the quake. This has been a disaster of unbelievable proportions, in one of the poorest areas of our world, add to that the regional conflicts of the area, and we see how difficult it is for those international relief agencies to get food and shelter to those who have been rendered homeless. Thanks to all who made donations last weekend via the "Basket Appeal" which amounted to £815 it has now been forwarded to "Cafod" who will ensure it will reach those for whom it was intended, without delay. Our Parish Quiz Night on Friday March 10th will also be in aid of the "Emergency Earthquake Appeal" and tickets are now on sale after Weekend Masses @ £10:each, teams of 7 are invited to take part, refreshments will be part of the ticket price. Last year this quiz night provided the defibrillator for the Church which was a necessary addition to our parish facilities.

Half term School Holiday is already upon us, as many schools closed on Thursday last with Friday being an Inset Day. Let us hope it is a good Half Term break and that all our Children get out and about for some much needed exercise in the outdoors.

The start of the "Lenten Season 2023" is next Wednesday 22nd of February "Ash Wednesday" (It is not a Holy Day of Obligation) but is a day of "Fast & Abstinence" and Mass will be at 10:00am. There will be a Mass on Tuesday Evening at 6:30pm for those who cannot make the Ash Wednesday Mass, and Ashes will be distributed at that Mass.

We are still calling those with "Red Missio Boxes" to please bring them in for emptying, make sure that your name is on the Box, anyone requiring a "Red Missio Box" speak with Fr. Bill. A big thank you to all who support the "Red Box Appeal" it is appreciated by the Mill Hill Missionary Society, and helps with their Seminary Training of Priests.

We remind Parishioners & Friends of the Parish that from Sunday March 18 a week of "Accompanied Prayer" will be held here at Holy Spirit, to book your place, please use one of the "Booking Forms" from the table in the Church Foyer, and return it by March 5 which is the closing date for applicants via the Box on the table in the Church Foyer.

The "Requiem Mass" for David Matthews will be celebrated on Friday 24th February at 12:15pm here at Holy Spirit, followed by burial at St. Mary's Marple Bridge. May he rest in peace.

Our Parish SVP Conference is arranging a Mass for the Housebound and Sick of the Parish on Saturday April 1st at 12noon. Fr. Bill will anoint the sick during this Mass, there will be some light refreshments afterwards in the Meeting Room. If you know of anybody who is currently housebound and could with a home visit, please let Fr. Bill know.

The Service for the local Women's World Day of Prayer, will be held here at Holy Spirit on Friday 3 March at 2:00pm all are welcome, men included. On Thursday evening next 23 February at 7pm at St. Martins Church Brabyns Brow, there will be a Special Prayer Service, to mark the Eve of the first anniversary of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine, all are most welcome.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our first reading this weekend is from Leviticus, and God invites us to be "Holy" as he is "Holy." As God speaks to the people of Israel through their leader Moses, he outlines to them the way of "Holiness" no hatred of your brother or neighbour, if you have an issue then tell them openly of your grievance. The bearing of grudges is a big obstacle in the loving of your neighbour, so there is no place for it in your lives, if you want to be "Holy."

In the second reading this weekend, Paul asks the Corinthians to consider who they are as individuals, he reminds them that they are "Temples of the Holy Spirit." Being a "Temple of the Holy Spirit" means that they are responsible for how they handle and use the "Gifts" that God has bestowed upon them as individuals and as a community. How often do we consider that we are Temples of the Holy Spirit ?? carrying in our person such rich treasures, the treasures bestowed on us by God.

In this weekend's Gospel from St. Matthew we have the final teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount. We are to endeavour to show unconditional love in the way we love our enemies. In Matthew's Gospel that slap on the other cheek, is the challenge to try and love your enemy, no matter how difficult it may be. We may well ask is it indeed possible?? yes it is, but only if we believe that this is what God wants us to do, and that he is helping us to do it.