

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
12th February 2023
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

First Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20)

He never commanded anyone to be godless

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

Gospel: (Mathew 5:17-37)

You have learnt how it was said; But I say this to you

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.

Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	12th February 6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME T. Coop / P. Gardner J. Davison / Parishioners	Thursday	16th February Fr. T. Murphy. (deceased)
Monday	13th February NO MASS	Friday 12:15pm	17th February NO MASS
Tuesday	14th February NO MASS	Saturday 4pm	18th February Vigil Mass
Wednesday 10am	15th February K. Birbeck (deceased)	Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	19th February Mary & Michael Moran 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, 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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Last weekend "Application Forms" for the First Sacrament Programme were available to Year 3 Pupils at local Catholic and other Primary Schools. Fr. Bill would like to have all completed "Application Forms" returned by Sunday 19 February. Candidates will have notification of the dates of the four preparatory sessions and the celebration of "First Forgiveness" after the weekend of February 18 / 19. The "Preparatory Sessions" will be one hour in length, so it is important that Candidates arrive on time and are picked up promptly after each session. Fr. Bill will be asking the Candidates Parents / Guardians for permission for photographs to be taken of the Candidates, so that we can display them within the Church, and that the Parishioners can pray for them during their time of preparation for "First Sacraments." Fr. Bill, reminds the families of all candidates of the importance of attending Sunday Mass with its Children's Liturgy. Application forms remain available for the next two weekends, after this, only candidates who are registered by returning an "Application Form" will be invited to begin the programme.

Fr. Bill invites all parishioners who have a "Red Missio Box" to please bring it in and leave in the sacristy for emptying. Please put your name on the "Missio Box" so that it can be returned to you, after emptying. Fr. Bill would encourage more Parishioners to use "Red Missio Boxes" in our support of the Foreign Missions. A big thank you to all those who helped with, and attended Renata's Requiem Mass on Friday, it was so much appreciated by her family, such a fitting send off for such an inspiring person.

Over the last two weekends we have been appealing for "Volunteers" to help with manning the Defibrillator at our weekend & weekday Masses. This weekend is our last appeal, so please put your name on the sheet, which is on the table in the Church Foyer. Previous or current experience in the medical field is not required, but would be helpful.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the purchase and installation of the Defibrillator. Thank you to all our Parishioners and Friends who support our "Weekly Offertory" collection which ensures that our "Parish Finances" help us to remain viable in these challenging Financial Times. Fr. Bill, would like to remind all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish that "Personal Financial Responsibilities" are your priority, before you make any contribution to the "Parish Finances." Thank you to Mary and Brid for counting and banking the "Weekly Offertory" and to Carol for keeping the Monthly A/Cs up to date. Michael Blundell, will help Carol with the A/Cs as his health continues to improve.

At this stage we are also looking for an assistant to help Mary Abbott with the Weekly Newsletter, if anyone feels able to help, speak with Fr. Bill, and he will explain the way the Newsletter is produced each week.

The "Sunday Morning Scripture Readings" at the 9:00am Mass for the last two months have been read by the Children, and expertly so, it has been wonderful to experience the young peoples' enthusiasm by way of their preparation and reading. Fr. Bill is now preparing a "New Rota" which will begin at the start of Lent. He will speak with the young people individually beforehand, and give them their New Rotas.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 6th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Today's reading is from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (Formerly known as Sirach) and the reading says to us that God sees every choice that we make, we have that personal freedom to choose, but our choices lead to consequences, that lead us either in God's ways or lead us to places where we would rather not be. God ultimately wants the very best for us.

St. Paul in writing to the Community at Corinth, says that the "Wisdom of God" is totally different to the philosophy as taught by the great thinkers, God's Wisdom comes via the power of Spirit, and if received with faith, opens the eyes of believers to the reality of who God is. The Philosophers teach us knowledge for the sake of knowledge.

In this Sunday's Gospel, St. Matthew, continues the "Sermon on the Mount." In today's extract, Jesus is speaking about the "Law & The Prophets. When Matthew recounts these issues in his Gospel, he is referring to the whole of the Scriptures, when Jesus comes none of these Scriptures will be done away with, rather the promises made in all of the Scriptures, will be fulfilled.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY : WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Friday 3rd March 2pm. Here at Holy Spirit. Everyone welcome. Prepared by the women of Taiwan.