

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
23th July 2023
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for July:

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

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	23 rd July Ints: Joan O'Brien. MORNING MASS Intention: Parishioners.	Thursday 10 am	27 th July DAILY MASS Ints: Cornelius / Mrgt Lane.
Monday	24 th July NO MASS	Friday	28 th July NO MASS
Tuesday	25 th July NO MASS	Saturday 10:30-11:30 6 pm	29 th July Exposition/Confessions. VIGIL MASS Intentions: Jn. Lane / Fr. B. Blundell (A).
Wednesday	26 th July NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	30 th July MORNING MASS Intention: 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:

We are in the final week of this current Academic Year 2022/23, on Tuesday last Fr. Bill celebrated the Leavers Mass at St. Bernadette's Brinnington for the Year 6 pupils who are moving on to other schools in September. The Mass was a joyous celebration, led by the Leavers giving thanks for their years at St. Bernadette's, and also for the excellent SAT's results which they achieved this year.

As the Summer vacation begins, we remind Parents, Carers, Children of the need for safety during the holidays, statistics regarding injuries and even deaths during the annual summer holidays makes unpleasant reading. If you are going on holiday abroad, you need to especially consider the weather, we who live in the British Isles are not used to the very high temperatures that Europe are experiencing in recent summers, hence you need to be cautious. If you are holidaying locally you also need to prepare for the activities that you intend to pursue, especially if you are going to be part of a family or other group.

The second phase of our parish maintenance programme, the installation of the new Church Boiler, is now fully completed, so the heating programme for next winter is now fully prepared, and ready to go. The plans for the New Church Entrance are currently with Stockport Borough Planning Department, they have informed us that we will have a decision on the plans by September 5. In preparation for going out to tender after that date, we are this coming week hoping to remove the fascia boards from the front of the Church on Tuesday/Wednesday, July 25/26. These fascias contain asbestos, it is however low grade, but must be disposed of by a licensed contractor.

There is only one mass this coming week, on Thursday as there is work commencing on the Church entrance Tuesday / Wednesday. Progressing the various stages of this phase is not easy as there are so many different players involved, patience will be the key.

A big thank you to all our young people who are part of the Sunday morning reading rota, it is encouraging for our parish to see these young people involved in the life of our parish.

We also need to commission some more Eucharistic Ministers so if anyone feels they could take on this Ministry then speak with Fr. Bill, training will be given, and will begin in mid September.

Next Parish SVP Conference Meeting Monday 31 July at 6:30pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8: 26-27 Matthew 13: 24-43

Our first reading this weekend is from the Book of Wisdom, where the sacred writer is introducing us to the extraordinary quality of God's virtues. Has any other person laying claim to be God, treated human kind in such a merciful, respectful way? The answer is no, you bestow such might gifts upon us with gentleness, and when we are ungrateful you are lenient and forgiving, enabling us to begin again, in our renewed service of you.

Our second read this weekend is a continuation of last Sunday's reading from St. Paul to the Romans, encouraging them, not to be disappointed if they feel the words that they are using to address their pleas to God, are inadequate, because the Spirit with which they were Baptised is already interceding on their behalf, as are the Saints who are likewise making intercession on our behalf.

The Gospel for this Sunday is again from St. Matthew, we have three different parables, Jesus explains why he speaks to the people in parables, interpreting the Parable of the Sower for the disciples. Interestingly, all three parables use common place experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The fruition of the Kingdom begins in this world but will only reach its completion at the final judgement, so any premature judgements are futile.