

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
13th August 2023
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for August:

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	13 th August Ints: Joan Hargreaves/ Arthur Watson. MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners/Eric Coops.	Thursday	17 th August NO MASS
Monday 6:30 pm	14 th August VIGIL MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION Ints: Gerry Morrissey (A).	Friday	18 th August NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	15 th August FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Intentions: C & M Lane.	Saturday 6 pm	19 th August VIGIL MASS Intentions: Renata Broda, E.Donellon, Jr. & Imelda Kirrane.
Wednesday	16 th August NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	20 th August 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, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, 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:

Weather conditions at home and abroad have improved somewhat for those who are currently on holidays, or for those preparing to go on holidays. Fr.Bill continues to flag up safety for those who are on holidays, already there are a number of children who have lost their lives in accidents in the opening weeks of these summer holidays.

Children's Liturgy will continue during the Sundays of August, with the exception of Sunday the 27th of August, which is a Bank Holiday Weekend. There are refreshments after the Sunday 9am Mass, it would be good if we could have some new faces who would help with the preparation of these refreshments. At the start of September once the families have returned from holidays, we will post a new rota for helpers on the notice board in the Foyer. Spending a bit of time together after Mass is a great way of building up the Parish Community enabling Parishioners to get to know each other, unfortunately Fr. Bill is not able to spend time after this Mass to greet Parishioners and Visitors as he has the 10:30 am Mass at St. Bernadette's in Brinnington. Sometimes due to traffic, this is a tight call to be on time for this Mass at St. Bernadette's.

Fr.Bill is often asked if the Community at St. Bernadette's is viable ? if you were to judge it on its financial income the answer would be no, but if you were to consider it as an active Catholic Community you would have to say definitely yes, we have an average of 70/80 Parishioners who regularly attend Sunday Mass, we also run a regular First Sacraments Programme each year based in the Parish. The parish has a baptismal programme, so far this year we have had twelve baptisms. Without Fr.Bills Ministry it is more than likely the Parish would have been closed by now.

Our Lady & St.Christopher Romiley, from September will take on responsibility for the Catholic Parish of Whaley Bridge, in order to do so, there will be an assistant priest taking up residence at Romiley to assist Fr. Gannon. There have been four priests ordained for the Shrewsbury diocese this year, so we invite you to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

August 15 this coming Tuesday is the great feast of the Assumption of Our Lady there will be a Vigil Mass on Monday evening August 14 at 6:30pm. with Mass on the feast day at 10am.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

1 Kings 19:9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14: 22-33

The first reading this weekend is again from the 1st Book of Kings, where God appears to Elijah, but in a way we could not envisage. This is a most beautiful account of how the greatness of God was manifested to Elijah in the gentleness of a breeze, and not in the mighty storm, or the earthquake, or the fire. God communicates with us so often in the most beautiful and simple of ways, but like Elijah, we need to be prepared in order to respond.

The second reading this weekend is from St.Paul's letter to the Romans, he is telling the Roman Community, of his anguish for his own Jewish People who clearly have not accepted the Message of Salvation. Paul says, he would gladly be cut off from God, if it would make a difference. He reminds those who will read his letter, that the Israelite People despite their lack of acceptance, still remain God's Chosen People.

Jesus, after feeding the five thousand, in last Sunday's Gospel, sends the crowd home, the disciples go on ahead of Jesus, as he takes time aside to pray and be quiet. As he again rejoins his disciples, there is an issue with the disciples' recognition of who he is as he walks on the water towards them. Peter calls him out, thinking that he was a ghost, and Jesus finishes up saving Peter, because Peter's Faith is once again found wanting when it comes to the crunch.