

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
6th August 2023
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

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	6 th August Ints: Fr. Brendan Blundell. MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners/ Eric Barlow (Anniv)	Thursday	10 th August DAILY MASS 60 th Wedding Anniversary B & K Grime
Monday	7 th August NO MASS	Friday	11 th August NO MASS
Tuesday	8 th August NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	12 th August VIGIL MASS Ints: Joan Hargreaves / Arthur Watson
Wednesday 10 am	9 th August DAILY MASS Ints: Derek Davis.	Sunday 9 am	13 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:

It is with sadness that we belatedly record the death of Fr. Kevin Gradwell. His funeral Mass was celebrated in New Mills on July 28th, with a Vigil Mass the previous evening at St. Mary's, Marple Bridge. Fr. Kevin was ordained in 2010 and worked alongside Fr. John Kearns in the local Nottingham Parishes. Prior to Priesthood he was a Policeman in the local area, we commend his Soul to the Lord, offering sympathies to his Family. May he rest in peace.

During last week all educational institutions closed their doors for the annual summer holidays, so we hope that all our families will be able to have a break at some stage over the next four weeks. If you are going abroad, make sure that you are up to date with the regulations of the country you have chosen, and that Passports are up to date, as you will be entering the EEC zone, which England is no longer a part of. Safety for everyone is a priority regardless of the destination that you are travelling to.

Preliminary work has started in preparation for the New Church Entrance, during the last week of July, the low grade Asbestos Facia Boards were removed by a licensed company, and replaced with temporary Facia Boards. September 5 is the date fixed by the local Stockport Plans Board for their decision regarding the Project. If that decision gives us the go ahead, we will then seek three tenders for the work, and make progress accordingly. The reason for this project is that the actual doors no longer meet health and safety regulations, and likewise the glass panels, all these issues were flagged up in the Health and Safety Inspection of the Church in 2022.

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes returned after a very successful pilgrimage this weekend. The numbers travelling this year were greatly reduced to some 250 for reasons that are unknown.

The World Youth Conference is currently also coming to an end in Lisbon, a very large gathering of young people were in attendance, from all over the World, including Pope Francis, who celebrated the International Mass that involved young adults of all nationalities.

Bee & Butterfly Festival @ Marple United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane SK6 - 7 NN. / 12 August 2023 — 10:30am to 4:00pm. All most welcome to join us. Children's Games & Stalls of all kinds. Handouts at all Masses this Weekend, please take one.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14: 13-21

Today's first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, where God renews his Covenant with his Servant David. The language used is again very biblical, and takes us time to come to an understanding of what it is, that God is saying to David. In our relationship with God we are sometimes unsure what it is that God is inviting us to do. Allowing God time to be able to speak to us in our Prayer Life is essential if we are to get to know his will for us.

The second reading this weekend is again from St. Paul to the Romans, Paul tells us that if we genuinely love and believe in God, absolutely nothing can separate us from his Love for us. This love is best seen in the relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father, nothing can separate them from each other.

In the Gospel from St. Matthew this weekend we move from Chapter 13 where Jesus has been teaching us about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus here in Chapter 14 hears of the death of John the Baptist. Upon hearing this news Jesus tries to withdraw from the crowds, but they follow him, at which point Jesus does one of his great miracles from the lack of provisions available, Jesus makes available an abundance of food, so that all are fed with all that they need.