

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
9th April 2023
EASTER SUNDAY



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for April:

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit.

Easter Sunday Vigil 7:45 pm 9:30 am	9 th April EASTER VIGIL Ints:Douglas Helliwell / Renata Broda MORNING MASS Intentions: Norma Torres / Parishioners	Thursday 10am	13 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Mary Abbott / Cyril Nield.
Easter Monday	10 th April NO MASS	Friday	14 th April NO MASS
Tuesday	11 th April NO MASS	Saturday Vigil 6 pm	15 th April VIGIL MASS Intentions: Gerald Kendrick (Anniv.) Mollie Carney (Dec'd.)
Wednesday	12 th April NO MASS	Sunday 9am	16 th April MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners

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, 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, Mary Abbott.

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:

This weekend is “Easter Weekend” we celebrate the Resurrection of our saviour Jesus the Christ. It is a day of awe and wonder for us believers, as our eyes are opened anew to the “Mystery of God” who has come amongst us, and who has suffered, died, and risen again on Easter Morning. We have come to this celebration of Easter after the most glorious celebrations of the Holy Week Liturgy, in which we have journeyed with Jesus through his Passion and Death to the glory of His Easter Resurrection.

Fr. Bill, would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter. May the joy and hope of Jesus fully risen be a source of transformation for your lives, your homes and your families this Easter. It is also an important Family Time, when siblings and parents get to enjoy some quality relaxation time together, hopefully in the outdoors.

Pope Francis, on Easter Day delivers a message to the City of Rome and to the World, it is called “Urbi et Orbi”, it is usually based on the “Scriptural Accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection, and it is given at the Vatican which overlooks St. Peter’s Square, which is always full with the citizens of Rome, and the thousands tourists that have gathered from all over the World for the celebration of Easter, in the Eternal City.

In our Parish, it is time of giving thanks for all our Families and Individual Parishioners who worship here at Holy Spirit, we are God's Family in this place at this moment in time. We are also invited to pause and remember those who shared past Easter’s with us and who have now been called to eternal rest, many of their names are among the Easter Lilies Poster in the Church Foyer. They have left behind them a lifetime of happy memories for the Parish and their Families.

Fr. Bill, would like to thank all who have helped with our Holy Week and Easter Masses, Mr. Tony Walker, our resident organist, and all who joined the choir, which enhanced the celebrations so much. To our readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their Ministries, the Stewards who looked after all who attended the Holy Week and Easter Services. Thank you to Chris and the Altar Servers for their help.

There was also a good turnout at the “Walk Of Witness” on Good Friday to the Cross on Cobden Edge, thanks to Marian and to Tony Baron from the Council of Churches for their great organisation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — EASTER SUNDAY 2023

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter leave those attending with a rich choice to choose from. Whatever the choices that are made from the Old Testament, we can see the hand of God, so to speak, at work in the lives of his “Chosen People” so often they are ungrateful for what God has given to them, but God never withdraws his promise. In this, the greatest night of our “liturgical Year” we see God deliver his people from the Slavery of Egypt and offer them new beginnings.

The first reading of Easter Morning is from the “Acts of The Apostles” the sacred writer tells that Peter witnesses to all the events of Jesus life, by addressing Cornelius and all of his household, to tell them to be reassured about “Jesus Resurrection” that it true he is risen from the dead. Peter gives what we would nowadays call a personal testimony, on what he witnessed as one who accompanied Jesus right through his Ministry from Galilee to Jerusalem, and the many incidents that led up to his death and resurrection.

The second Easter reading is from St. Paul to the Colossians, Paul says now that Jesus is risen from the dead, we should focus our thoughts on heavenly things, try not to be consumed by the things of the World. The more we focus on God, the more we will be able to imitate him.

Today's Gospel is from St. John and as opposed to the three synoptic gospels we have a slightly different account of the details of who discovered the “Empty Tomb” thus the resurrection of Jesus. Mary of Magdala observes that stone has been rolled away from the tomb and goes and tells the disciples, the thought that Jesus had been raised from the dead does not appear to have occurred to her. The disciples, John and Peter came to discover the empty tomb, with only the grave coverings left behind, a testimony that the body of Jesus had not been stolen. We now have fifty days up until the Ascension to reflect and make ours the events of the Easter Resurrection of Jesus.