

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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34th SUNDAY - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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Pope Francis's prayer intention for November:

The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2nd.

Sunday Vigil 4 pm 9 am	26 th November Ints: HOLY SOULS. MORNING MASS Ints: Denise Sweeney, Jan Kracinski.	Thursday	30 th November NO MASS
Monday	27 th November NO MASS	Friday	1 th December NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	28 st November DAILY MASS Ints: HOLY SOULS	Saturday 4 pm	2 nd December VIGIL MASS Ints: Hollingsworth / Kanhai.
Wednesday 10 am	29 th November DAILY MASS Ints: HOLY SOULS.	Sunday 9 am	3 rd November MORNING MASS Ints: Walter Meanwell.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, 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:

We ended last week with the sad news of the death of two long standing Parishioners, Evelyn McSwitty and Jim Mottram. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Evelyn and Jim, may they rest in peace, we await funeral arrangements.

Thanks to Fr. Dermot Byrne for supplying weekend Masses over the past two weekends, while Fr.Bill had a rest.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the current liturgical year 2022 - 2023. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent 2023, the beginning of the new liturgical year 2023 /2024. Advent is the shortest of the liturgical seasons, and prepares us for Christ's birth, which occurred in time similar to our own births. The Liturgy of Advent is centred around the universal preparations for the Season of Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. Our celebrations in the first instance must be spiritual, let us put the birth of Jesus at the centre of all our Preparations by putting Christ at the centre.

There is a rich tradition here at Holy Spirit of supporting the poor and needy of our local and diocesan communities so that they can have a joyous and meaningful festive season. We have a number of charity Fundraising Events happening during the Advent Season, these events will support the Wood Street Mission, Caritas at Diocese of Shrewsbury, The Wellspring Centre. We kick off on the first and second Sundays of Advent with Tombolas after the weekend Masses, along with the donations of new toys. On the third Sunday of Advent we have our Advent Carol Service during which we will take up a collection for the Wellspring.

There will also be a wine sale after Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th December, the proceeds of the sale will be divided between Caritas and the Church Development Fund.

Thanks to all who support Caritas at Diocese of Shrewsbury, £105 was recently received from our Parish by Caritas. There are Caritas Boxes and Standing Order forms on the table in the Church porch. Caritas at Diocese of Shrewsbury, will be supporting a big number of families this Christmas across many of the deprived areas of our diocese.

Choir practice for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will take place on the following dates, on Thursdays December 7th / 14th / 21st at 7:30 pm. It would be nice to have a good response so that the Mass of Christmas Eve will be enhanced once again by beautiful singing and music.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46

In today's first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, we hear about God's care for his people, we have a teaching from Ezekiel about the end times, all of us are dependent upon the mercy of God, if we hope to live a good life. There will be a time of judgement that will result in reward and punishment for the just and the unjust alike. Let us hope that the Sun of righteousness will shine upon us on that day of judgement.

Today's second reading is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where Paul speaks about the end of Jesus' earthly mission and the subsequent reign of God in the world where God will live and rule through the lives of those who are committed to living out his message, by being faithful to their call.

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew speaks about the end times, we have an account of the final judgement at the conclusion of this Liturgical Year. Today's Gospel can also be read as the conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and public ministry. The Gospel of Matthew concludes with the Passion and Death of Jesus. Today's Gospel describes Final Judgement in terms of reward for the compassion and mercy shown to those who are poor and in need in our world.