

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 4 pm 9 am	12 <sup>th</sup> November Ints : Holy Souls MORNING MASS Parishioners	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> November NO MASS
<b>Monday</b> 11:30am	13 <sup>th</sup> November FUNERAL SERVICE — Anita Carter.	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> November NO MASS
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> November NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> 4 pm	18 <sup>th</sup> November VIGIL MASS Ints: Parishioners
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> November NO MASS	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	19 <sup>th</sup> November MORNING MASS Ints : Holy Souls

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:**

This weekend is "Remembrance Weekend" when we pray for all the men and women of the armed forces, who gave their lives in defence of their country. The "Poppy Appeal" is a very important part of "Remembrance." The Children's Liturgy Group will this Sunday morning hold a special "Remembrance Service" as part of the Mass.

A big number of "November Family Dead Lists" have been received, and they will be remembered especially during our November Masses.

Fr. Bill is having a week off, and Fr. Dermot Byrne MHM will supply the weekend Masses. There will be no "Daily Masses" this coming Week. The "funeral service" for Anita Carter will take place on this coming Monday November 13 at 11:30am here at Holy Spirit. It would be good if we could have a number of Parishioners in attendance, to support Sean and family with the Service.

The "2nd. Preparatory Session" for the First Forgiveness Candidates will be held this Monday November 13 at 6:30pm. Parents please ensure your child is on time for the start of the Session and is also picked up on time after the Session ends at 7:30pm.

The "Organiser of the Red Missio Boxes" is currently emptying them, so if you have got one in your home, please bring it along to Church and put your Name on it, anyone who needs a "Missio Box" speak with Fr. Bill.

HCPT Christmas Cards will be on sale this and next weekend, a great opportunity to get your Christmas Cards.

Next weekend is also "National Catholic Safeguarding Weekend" and Helen Johnson who is our "Parish Safeguarding Officer" will address the congregation at both our weekend Masses. Helen, is from St. Bernadette's Parish, and also covers Holy Spirit as "Safeguarding Officer." Helen will be available to chat with anyone who has got any Safeguarding Issues. It is a very important area of "Parish Life" these days to ensure that our Parishes are places where "Safeguarding" is a priority for Children and Adults, especially Vulnerable Adults. A big thank you to our Leaders of the Sunday Morning Children's Liturgy, soon preparations for the Advent and Christmas Liturgies will begin.

The "Advent Carol Service" will be held on Sunday December 17 at 4:00pm along with the "Christmas Morning Nativity Play" as part of the 9:30am Christmas Morning Mass. Fr. Bill will issue a sheet with the times & dates of Advent / Christmas Church Services & other Parish Seasonal Events at the end of November. Our Church Heating is now turned on for daily/weekend Masses & other church events. A big thank you to Frank McChrystal who has liaised with the Heating Engineer, and has set the Heating Clock, no easy task in itself.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS — 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 6: 12-16      1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18      Matthew 25: 1-13

This Sunday's first reading is from the Book of Wisdom, where we are invited by the author, to seek the "Gift of Wisdom." Wisdom is readily available to those who seek her, and will quickly transform their understanding of who God is. The true believer needs Wisdom to illuminate, and give them a full understanding of who God can be for them.

The second reading this Sunday is from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul tells the Thessalonians that Jesus will raise their dead to new life. Your "Faith" should be your new hope, and so you don't need to worry about those who have died, Jesus will take care of them. Those who remain behind will have no advantage over those who have died, all will be united at the end of time.

Today's Gospel is again from St. Matthew, where Jesus reminds his disciples that they need to be ready to receive the "Kingdom." The would be believer, needs to be ready, to be a part of the Kingdom, requires an alertness and readiness to serve wherever or whenever the need arises.