

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
15th January 2023
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

First Reading: (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel: (John 1:29-34)

Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for January: That educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	15th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME John & Imelda Kirane Mandi Rees Parishioners	Thursday 10am	19th January Mary and John Downs
Monday	16th January NO MASS	Friday	20th January NO MASS
Tuesday	17th January NO MASS	Saturday	21st January NO MASS until 4pm Vigil
Wednesday 10am	18th January Catherine & James Beirne	Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	22nd January Mark Nicholls Parishioners

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Last Saturday of the month 10.30am-11.30am or by arrangement
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

Please pray for Renata Broda who died last Sunday

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom, 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.

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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SOCIAL

We concluded the Christmas Season and New Year 2023 celebrations last Sunday, as we now return to the "Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time." Schools have now reopened for the New Spring Term, this an especially important term for all Pupils in Education so best wishes to all our School Communities for this coming year 2023. Fr. Bill is currently on vacation, down in Portugal, we extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Denis Maher, who is supplying this weekends' Masses, daily Masses for this coming week, and the Masses next weekend. We are most thankful for Fr. Maher's Ministry, enabling Fr. Bill to have a holiday.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Renata Broda last Sunday after a lengthy illness, we extend our sympathies to Eric and family on their sad loss. It will be the week beginning February 6 before the Requiem Mass and the funeral will be able to be celebrated, as there is currently a big backlog of funerals.

Fr. Bill would like to remind any couples who are intending to get married, to give at least six months of notice, prior to the marriage date, he will do his best to facilitate the date and time that is requested, remembering that Fr. Bill also has wedding dates requests at Brinnington to consider. Celebration of Baptisms is always by prior request and arrangement with Fr. Bill, who again will try to facilitate the date and time requested, bearing in mind that he also has requests for Baptisms at St. Bernadette's in Brinnington. Fr. Bill would like to remind Families with children in Year 3 Primary Catholic & Non Catholic Schools that the preparation for "First Sacraments" will begin in February, a "First Essential Step" for Candidates to be included in the "First Sacraments Programme" is that they attend Mass regularly on Sunday, there is currently two weekend Masses 4:00pm on Saturday Evenings and 9:00am Sunday Mornings, which also has the special "Children's Liturgy" which is an integral part of the Mass.

The "Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity" begins on January 18th and concludes on the 25th of January. There will be the "Annual Service Of Christian Unity" on Sunday the 22 January at 4pm at Marple Methodist Church. Tony Baron, will take on the Chair of the Marple & District Council of Churches, from the outgoing Chair Fr. Bill, and we wish him every blessing. It would be nice to see our parish well represented at the Unity Service on January 24 at 4pm.

The parish had "Two Projects" approved in 2022 by the Finance and Planning Board of the diocese, Fr. Bill will be chasing up the diocesan Property Manager after his return from holidays, to see where they sit on the queue of diocesan project, waiting to be started.

Church Cleaners : Please collect your new rota from the back of church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading this weekend is from the Prophet Isaiah, and it reminds the people of Israel that they will figure prominently in God's plan for Salvation. We turn our thoughts back to the Christmas "Liturgy of the Word" where we read, and from you Galilee, will come the one who has been promised, and again, we read, did you think that you were the least among the nations ?? That promise of Galilee as light of the Nations is fulfilled in our own time in the New Testament Readings.

Today's second is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where he is giving them encouragement, but also challenging them as a new community to show the fruits of their call to the faith. They have clearly received God's favour, and so now they must try to live by a new set of principles, which will be reflected in their behaviour.

In today's Gospel from St. John, John The Baptist testifies that Jesus is the "Lamb of God," God's only begotten Son. On this Sunday we break from St. Matthew's Gospel which is the Primary Gospel for this Liturgical Year. St. John's Gospel differs from the other "Synoptic Gospels" in that St. John does not describe the Baptism of Jesus, he knows that Jesus is the "Son Of God." St John tells that John The Baptist saw Jesus coming and cried here is the "Son Of God" and so recognising that this was the one who he was preparing the way for. We have two titles that "John The Baptist uses for Jesus, that we are familiar with, The Lamb Of God, and the Son Of God.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER - Saturday March 18th to Saturday 26th March with Prayer Guides available to you in the mornings, afternoons or evenings. Full information will be given at all Masses on January 28th-29th.