

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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15th October 2023

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The memorial of which is celebrated on October 7th.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	15 th October Ints: Jack Leeson. (A) MORNING MASS Ints: Therese Coop. (A)	Thursday	19 th October NO MASS
Monday	16 th October NO MASS	Friday	20 th October NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	17 th October DAILY MASS (St. Ignatius) Special Intention: Blundell	Saturday 6 pm	21 st October VIGIL MASS Intentions: Monica Walton.
Wednesday 10 am	18 th October DAILY MASS (St. Luke) Special Int: Harrison.	Sunday 9 am	22 nd October MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.

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:

On Thursday last we had an evening showing of "The Letter" and thanks to Marian and a team of volunteers who made it possible. Great to see a good turnout, so many issues addressed in the film have to do with planet Earth which is our home. The invitation is for all of us to play our part in helping to pull our planet back from the brink of overheating. Are you on board ?

As we move into mid-October we are now preparing for the end of Summer Time, which will mean our Saturday Evening Vigil Mass moving to 4:00 pm on the first Saturday of winter time, November 4th.

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary & Our Lady. The Parish Cafod Autumn Campaign will run for the month of October. There are Cafod Envelopes available from the table in the Church Foyer, should you wish to make a donation, gracious thanks to all those who have already made their donation.

Thanks to all who helped with the Requiem Mass of Anthony Copeland on Friday, it was greatly appreciated by his family. May he rest in peace.

There was an outstanding response to the Autumn Photo Competition and especially the number who voted. It is waiting time now, to hear who got the most votes overall, and also who got the most votes in the various categories.

Over the end of the summer period, Holy Spirit has experienced anti-social behaviour occasionally on weekday evenings and frequently at weekends in the late afternoons. The two gas installations on the Westbury Ave side of the Church, seems to be the main gathering point for youths, both boys & girls. These will now have to be secured in some way, so as to stop youths congregating on top of the larger gas installation, the door of the smaller gas installation had its door torn off, and the gas meter was interfered with. But when reported, the reply was that securing these installations is the only way forward. If anyone has any suggestion as to how we might secure both these installations, please have a chat with Fr. Bill. The last thing we do not need is to be known as the centre from which anti social behaviour emirates.

St. Christopher's Romiley will be celebrating Confirmation during March of next year 2024, if there are any Year 8s or anyone in years above that would like to be confirmed, speak with Fr. Bill. Preparations will begin in mid January 2024 at St. Christophers, led by the Diocesan Youth Team.

Fr. Bill hopes to begin preparation for First Forgiveness during late November / early December. If you have a child at any local Primary School, and your family are Practising Catholics then please take an application form from the table in the Church foyer and return it completed to Fr. Bill over the next few weeks.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Isaiah 25: 6-10

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

This Sunday's first reading is from Isaiah, it is a very well known reading for it goes on to remind us, as it reminded the people of the time, of God's outstanding compassion and mercy. God does not do half measures, but provides in a plentiful way for his chosen people, we through our baptism become members of God's chosen people while we journey in this life, and when we come immediately into his presence after our death.

This Sunday's second reading is again from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul says he knows what it means to be God's disciple, and the challenges that preaching brings, but he has learned through the power of God working in him, that in fact nothing is impossible. For all the hardships associated with Gospel, Paul says he has had so much given to him in return.

We continue to read from St. Matthew's Gospel this Sunday, and we have yet another very familiar teaching from Jesus, about the "Wedding Banquet." Jesus is comparing the Kingdom of Heaven to a great wedding feast, but who will be worthy to receive an invitation ?

In today's teaching from Jesus, many who have been invited are simply too busy to attend, so they have effectively lost their place forever in the Kingdom.