

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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5th November 2023

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

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	5 th November Ints : R. Leeson, M. Grime, Wilson & Burley families. MORNING MASS Holy Souls, Jn. Casey.	Thursday 10 am	9 th November DAILY MASS Ints : A. Crossley.
Monday	6 th November 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Session 1 - 1st Forgiveness.	Friday	10 th November NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	7 th November DAILY MASS :— HOLY SOULS.	Saturday 4 pm	11 th November VIGIL MASS Ints: Holy Souls
Wednesday	8 th November NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	12 th November MORNING MASS Ints : 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:

A couple of weeks ago our "Parish SVP Conference" launched the "Family Memorial Plaque Project" a number of Family Memorial Plaques, have already been erected on the side wall of the Church next to the "Lady Altar." Anyone wishing to have a "Memorial Plaque" erected, please speak with Fr. Bill with regard to the "Wording" for the Plaque. The cost of the Plaque will be £75, cheques made payable to Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, and the cost of erecting your plaque, is included in the £75. It is most appropriate that all of our deceased should be remembered here at Holy Spirit, where they have worshipped for most of their earthly lives.

Our Missio Organiser, is currently emptying the "Red Missio Boxes" so if you have got one in your home, please bring it along to Church so that it can be emptied. If anyone needs a "Red Missio Box" for their home speak with Fr. Bill.

If you have ordered a "Parish Calendar" they are now available from the table in the Church Foyer, payment to Robert Moss, or one of the Stewards, if Robert is not about.

Tuesday of this week was the last day for the "Parish Cafod Autumn Appeal" all of the monies donated, will now be counted asap, and a cheque will be forwarded to Cafod. A big thank you for your gracious support, and also to our "Parish Cafod Organisers."

As we enter the "Month of November" the Church Universal is invited to pray for all those who have died, special deceased lists are available from the table in the Foyer, so do submit a list, and place it in the "Basket" in front of the main altar. One of the weekend Masses and one the weekday Masses each week during November will be celebrated for the "Holy Souls."

This Monday November 6th Fr. Bill will begin the "Programme of First Forgiveness". Candidates who have signed up are invited to arrive for 6:30pm prompt, the session will end at 7:30pm and Parents / Guardians are asked to pick their children up at 7:30pm, please do not let your children be kept waiting. The Programme will continue on Mondays November 13 / 20 / 27 with the celebration of "First Forgiveness" on Monday December 4th.

We are also coming up to "Remembrance Sunday" the Poppy Appeal has now got under way, so please give it support. There are Knitted Poppies @ £2 with £1 going to the Poppy Appeal and the other £1 to the SVP Funds. There are a lot of Service Men & Women who are helped by the "Royal British Legion" and the Poppy Appeal is their main source of income.

HCPT Christmas Cards will be on sale on Weekends 11/12 & 18/19 of November, here at Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12

This Sunday's first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, where he is ticking off the "Religious Leaders of Israel" for turning away from the Word of God, to give their own version of Gods Word. The Covenant that God has made with his "Chosen People" is the only Covenant there is, and the people must be taught to honour it, if not, there will be consequences.

In this Sunday's second reading, we continue to read from St. Paul's encouraging letter to the Thessalonians, where he heaps praise on this extraordinary community for the manner in which they have turned their lives around by coming to accept the "Word of God" in it's entirety. St. Paul finds their response to his preaching hard to believe.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from St. Matthew, though today's passage is not a direct follow on from last week, yet, St. Matthew continues to highlight tensions that exist between Jesus and the Pharisees, in their interpretations of the Jewish Law. Some of the early followers of Jesus, still continued to worship in the Synagogue, and in today's Gospel, Matthew wants to highlight that following Jesus as a leader is about "Service" and not about the "Personal Trappings of Power" for self glorification.