

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Pope Francis's prayer intention for June:**

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6 pm  9 am	18 <sup>th</sup> June Ints:Edward & John McDonough. MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.	<b>Thursday</b>  7 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> June Confirmations St. Peter's, Hazel Grove.
<b>Monday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> June NO MASS	<b>Friday</b> 11:15 am	23 <sup>rd</sup> June REQUIEM MASS Anne Crossley.
<b>Tuesday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> 6 pm	24 <sup>th</sup> June VIGIL MASS Intentions: Joan O'Brien.
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 am	21 <sup>st</sup> June DAILY MASS Intentions: Bert Pooler.	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	25 <sup>th</sup> June MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Ruth Grace Crosby, Bill Davies, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Neil Timperley, 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:

Flaming June, well for the first time in many years, June is truly “Flaming June” and I hope that everyone is taking care in what are very consistently high temperatures for us here in this part of the North West of England. Climate Change has been spoken about for some years now, could our present weather climate be the signs of change?? If it is the start of Climate Change for our part of the country, what do we need to do, to be able to cope with the changing conditions, that will inevitably affect our way of life?

All our local schools have returned now after their mid - term break, to begin the final term of the academic year 2022 / 23. Examinations are also coming to an end, for all those tasked with sitting Examinations this academic year.

The Requiem Mass for Mary Abbott is on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30am at Holy Spirit, Marple, followed by the burial at Hyde Cemetery at 1:15pm.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Mrs. Anne Crossley, on Sunday morning last at her home in Brydges Rd. Anne has been ill for some time now and was cared for by her daughter Mary. She was among our first parishioners here at Holy Spirit, parish, may Anne rest in peace. Anne's Requiem Mass will be next Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:15am followed by Committal at Stockport Crematorium, Cypress Chapel.

It is with sadness that we also record the death of Joan O' Brien after a short illness. Joan was a Parishioner for over twenty years, we offer our sympathies to her Family. May Joan rest in peace.

Gracious thanks to all who were able to support the SVP Sponsored Walk in aid of the Children's Summer Holiday Camp, between Donations & Gift Aid, £400+ was pledged. Your generosity will mean a lot to the Organisers of the SVP Summer Holiday Camp.

With regard to the New Church Entrance, the project is now with the Planning Dept of Stockport Borough Council, so we await assessment of the plans submitted.

We are in the process of getting a quote to remove the asbestos fascia boards on the front of the church, to meet recent government regulations all asbestos has to be disposed of by a licensed contractor. Once planning permission is granted, the process of tendering will swiftly begin. As you will appreciate, each of these steps take time, and Fr. Bill is highly experienced in dealing with these issues of refurbishment and building, as he has led many projects across the diocese. The new church boiler is due to be installed, beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. The W&G Heating Contractors, will carry out the installation.

Confirmation Candidates had their retreat day this Saturday, at the Spiritan Retreat Centre in Salford, and this Sunday Evening the rehearsal will take place at 7pm at St. Peter's Church, Green Lane Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Confirmation will then be celebrated next Thursday evening on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Peter's, Hazel Grove.

Thanks to all who helped with the Marple Carnival on Saturday, it was once again a great success.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS — ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023**

*Exodus 19: 2-6   Romans 5: 6-11   Matthew 9:36-10:8*

In today's first reading from the Book of Exodus, Yahweh (God) calls the Israelite people to be his chosen. He calls on Moses to remind the people of all that he has already done for them. He also promises to do much more for them, if they promise to be faithful to his commandments. The chosen people of Israel from now on will be able to rely on God's protection in all aspects of their lives.

St. Paul, in today's second reading, tells the Romans about the enormous sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us, while we were still sinners. He says it might be easy to offer one's life for a good person, but Jesus went that step further, he died for a very sinful world, in order to redeem what God had created. All of God's creation is therefore very special, because it has been redeemed from man's sinfulness.

St. Matthew, in today's Gospel gives an account of Jesus' invitation to carry on the work that he has begun, by way of Mission to the World. The signs of the Kingdom will be recognised in the life of the Christian community, the healing of the sick, the care of the poor, and the feeding of the hungry. The focus for the disciples was to be on the existing Christian communities. Evangelise at home first, strengthen existing communities.