

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for September:

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Pity, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15th.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	10 th September Intentions: Douglas & Mrgt. Helliwell. MORNING MASS Tom Harrington.(Dec.)	Thursday 10 am	14 th September MORNING MASS In Thanksgiving.
Monday	11 th September NO MASS	Friday	15 th September NO MASS
Tuesday	12 th September NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	16 th September VIGIL MASS Private Intentions
Wednesday 10 am	13 th September DAILY MASS Ints: Pauline Magrath.	Sunday 9 am	17 th September 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, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Rhona Leeson, 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:

The Academic Year 2023 - 24 got off to a difficult start for many schools across various Local Authorities, with regard to concerns over reinforced autoclave aerated concrete. The list of Schools affected by this concrete issue was due to be published by the end of this past week, some local schools have received clearance from the Local authority, Catholic / Anglican Dioceses, that there is no issue with their school, regarding aerated concrete. The culture of the building industry in the late 60s changed as new materials became available, we are now realising that a lot of these materials have a limited shelf life, and now need replacing.

It was great to see a lot of our regular families returning to Church last Sunday after their annual summer vacation. Fr. Bill reminds all families who expect their children to receive First Sacraments here at Holy Spirit that the expectation is that they bring their Children to Sunday Mass on a regular basis, that is why we provide a special Children's Liturgy as part of the 9 am Sunday Mass. It was most interesting to note that during last year's preparation for the 1st Sacraments those Children who rarely if ever attended Sunday Mass, had no idea what they were preparing for, and as a result disrupted those children who were keen to concentrate on their preparation for the First Sacraments.

There are refreshments after the Sunday Morning 9 am Mass, and it would be nice if we could have some more helpers to provide the Tea/Coffee afterwards. It's no major task as we now have biodegradable cups, so no wash up is required. If you can help in any way, speak within Louise or Pat.

On Sunday September 24th after the 9 am Mass, there will be a MacMillan Coffee Morning so please give Annette, the organiser your fullest support.

During this month of September we are celebrating the lovely Season of Creation and hopefully the handout attached to last week's newsletter, prepared by Marian, has helped us to appreciate even more the astounding planet that we live on and are fortunate to call home.

Fr. Bill is currently inviting Parishioners/Friends of the Parish to consider becoming Ministers of the Eucharist, there is a sheet on the table in the Church Foyer, so please do register your name and details if you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister. Fr. Bill will make some training available at the end of September. There is no obligation to remain, if you find after the training that it's not for you.

The Parish SVP Conference is taking anyone who is housebound out for lunch on the 26th September, if you know of anybody who would like to attend let Sue Tucker, the Parish SVP President, know their details.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Romans 13: 8-10 Matthew 18: 15-20

The first reading this Sunday is from the prophet Ezekiel, the Son of God is Israel's guardian. When he invites his prophet whom he has chosen, to speak in his name, it is an invitation he expects to be taken seriously, otherwise there will be consequences for the one who was invited, for not acting on the Word that was received. Offering others the opportunity to be saved, is also our path to salvation.

St. Paul in his writing to the Romans says the entire law can be summed up, by the invitation to love your neighbour as yourself. It is here in your neighbour that you will find and recognise God's immediate presence. If you are unable to love God in your neighbour whom you can see, then how can you expect to love God whom you cannot see ?

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from St. Matthew, where Jesus gives us a discourse, a teaching on how the Church should deal with conflict. Jesus in no way avoids the fact that there will be disputes that will lead to conflict in Communities and action will need to be taken. If this action is approached with a Spirit of Charity, there is great likelihood that all disputes can be amicably resolved.