

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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22st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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	3 rd September Ints: M.Abbott, R.Leeson, P. Owen (A) MORNING MASS Parishioners	Thursday	7 th September NO MASS
Monday	4 th September NO MASS	Friday 10 am	8 th September DAILY MASS Ints: Nick Boyle. (Dec'd)
Tuesday	5 th September NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	9 th September VIGIL MASS Intentions: Mrgt. Halliwell.
Wednesday 10 am	6 th September DAILY MASS Intentions: Mrgt. Dixon.	Sunday 9 am	10 th September MORNING MASS Ints: Tom Harrington.

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 Summer School Holidays come to an end this weekend, most schools will reopen this Monday for the start of the new Academic Year 2023/24. It will be a fresh start for so many pupils and staff as they start at new schools, and also spare a thought for those going to school for the first time.

Best wishes to all our school communities for the new Academic Year 2023/24 may it be a year filled with joy and success.

Here at Holy Spirit we recommence our Children's Liturgy which is now an integral part of the 9am Sunday Morning Mass, an essential requirement for all children, especially for Year 3 Children who will be celebrating the First Sacraments during this Academic Year 2023/24. Recently Fr. Bill was looking through the Baptismal Register where he noted since his arrival at Holy Spirit in 2017 he has baptised thirty five children. He also noted that of those thirty five baptism's over twenty have not been to Mass since. Why does Baptism have such an adverse effect on families ?? It is truly frightening.

Our Senior Altar Server Christopher Buxton is on a two week Cruise around England and Scotland, and will be back on duty next weekend, we hope he has a good holiday.

In the coming weeks we hope to have the result of our Planning Application from Stockport Plans Board which if approved will enable us to go out to tender for the works that we are proposing to carry out, by way of a new church entrance.

On September the first we began the Season of Creation. We have been celebrating this new time now for a few years, in response to Pope Francis' initial Encyclical Letter: "Laudato Si". There is further good news in that Pope Francis is writing a second part to his initial encyclical Letter "Laudato Si" in order to update it in line with the current happenings with regard to climate change. The Season of Creation is a time for all of us to show our regard and appreciation for the Wonderful World that God has given to us to care for.

The Sunday Morning — Children's Reading Rota, will begin again next Sunday September 10th, if the Children who are part of the rota can see Fr. Bill, after the 9 am Mass, he will give them their readings for the coming number of Sundays.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27

The first reading this Sunday is from Jeremiah where he laments, but cannot fail to speak in God's name. He outlines the challenges that he faces in trying to proclaim the message. I am speaking in God's Name, he tells us, and all I am getting in return is insult and being laughed at, but when I refuse to speak, I feel ashamed and guilty, if only we could feel the same passion for making God's Word known in our World of today.

This Sunday's second reading is from St. Paul to the Romans, where Paul encourages the Romans, to bring every mental and physical power that they possess to aid them with their faith in Jesus Christ. Paul calls on the Romans for a change of mind, be different from the world around you, if you really want to get to know who Jesus is.

We read again this Sunday from St. Matthew's Gospel, where the story of last Sunday's Gospel continues, Peter is the Rock on which the Church will be built, and yet Peter shows the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the Disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his Ministry, he must suffer and die. Peter rejects this prediction, and is consequently severely rebuked by Jesus. Peter shows that he is no longer speaking on the revelation from God, but as a human being.