

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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23rd April 2023
3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Pope Francis's prayer intention for April:

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit.

Sunday Vigil 6pm 9am 12 - 5pm	23 rd April Ints: Clarke (Private Intention) Parishioners Marple Hall School Climate Conference. <i>Free Entry & all are most Welcome.</i>	Thursday	27 th April NO MASS
Monday 9:30	24 th April MASS FEAST of St. George (Parishioners)	Friday	28 th April NO MASS
Tuesday	25 th April NO MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm	29 th April Special Intentions
Wednesday	26 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Patricia McDonough (A)	Sunday 9am	30 th April Parishioners
Baptism/Marriage		By appointment	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		As above	

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Nina Noworyta, Kathleen Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Kathleen Jones, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, Pat Owen, Jonathan Davison, Mary Abbott.

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:

At their "Spring Gathering 2023, the Conference of English & Welch Bishops" gave their permission for the distribution of Holy Communion, under both species, a practice that had been discontinued due to the arrival of Covid in the Spring of 2020. Each diocesan Bishop is to weigh up in their diocese the safe reintroduction of "The Chalice." Bishop Mark has invited each parish to consider carefully the reintroduction of "The Chalice". Recent Deanery Conferences, considered the Bishop's request, and the overall feeling was that the reintroduction of "The Chalice" should be tackled carefully, with emphasis especially on a high standard of hygiene. Parishioners need to be reassured that it is safe to receive from "The Chalice" so we ask any Parishioner, Friend of the Parish, or Visitor who has any kind of head cold, or virus, to please not receive from "The Chalice" in order to prevent the spread of any germs or Viruses. Chalices before and after Mass at weekends are fully purified, for the present, one Chalice will be available at each of the Weekend Masses, for the reception of the "Precious Blood". The reintroduction of "The Chalice" here at Holy Spirit, though in its early stages, is gaining much support.

We are now into the early weeks of the "New Financial Year" and all our "offertory Envelope" users should have had their new set of "Offertory Envelopes". Thanks also to the many people who are using "The Contactless Plate" remember you can sign up for "Gift Aid" via the "Contactless Plate" by putting in your details the first time you donate, it does take a little extra time initially, but you don't have to repeat it as the device does remember your details for future Transactions.

Church Heating will now be coming to an end, this will be a relief, as in truth the "Gas Bills" for Churches of all denominates has been concerning, and if these Gas Charges continue into the future, there will be very serious consequences for all public buildings, a recent statistic has shown that 5% of Public Houses nationally have ceased trading in the last year, due to running costs, heating being the main drain on running costs.

We are coming down to the final "Preparatory Session" this coming Thursday April 27 with the celebration of "First Forgiveness" on Thursday Evening May 4th at 6:00pm. Fr. Bill invites prayers for the Candidates and their families at this time. Would all who have "collecting boxes" for Caritas, (formerly known as The Children's Society) please bring them in, for the annual empty. Anyone needing a Box, speak with Fr. Bill. (Standing — Order Forms, also available). Thanks to Bernadette for looking after the Boxes etc.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

Today's first reading is once again from the "Acts of The Apostles". Peter and the other Apostles declare with certainty that Jesus is "Risen from the Dead." Peter goes back to the Old Testament teaching of the Prophets, reminding us of what they foretold with regard to God's promise to David. A promise that reminded David how one from his line of descendency would be the ONE to fulfil the promise of SALVATION.

Our second reading this weekend is again from the 1st. Letter of St. Peter, who reminds us that the promise of "Salvation" that has now been delivered to us, existed even before the World came to exist. This promise was fulfilled by Jesus giving his life to make the promise of Salvation real. None of the World's corruptible goods had anything to do in the attainment of the Gift.

Today's Gospel is from St. Luke, though most of the post Easter Sunday gospels are from St. John. This Sunday's gospel from St. Luke is another account of one of Jesus' post Resurrection appearances, on the road to Emmaus, to two of his disciples. All the gospels want us to know how the first "Christian Community" came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the period of forty days up to Jesus' ascension, we will have numerous testimonies by believers of Jesus appearing to them, the Sacred Writes want us believers today to know that Jesus did this to strengthen the faith of his believers, he does so today through his presence in the celebration of the Sacraments.