

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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27th August 2023

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for August:

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	27 th August Parishioners MORNING MASS Martha Meanwell / Helen Webb (A)	Thursday	31 st August NO MASS
Monday	28 th August NO MASS	Friday	1 st September NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	29 th August Peter/Audrey Turner	Saturday 6 pm	2 nd September VIGIL MASS Mary Abbott (Birthday Rem)
Wednesday 10 am	30 th August DAILY MASS Ints: Cyril Nield	Sunday 9 am	3 rd September MORNING MASS 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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Name : Holy Spirit Development Account Account No. 58710368 Sort Code 30 15 52

Fr Bill Writes:

The beginning of this past week marked the start of the final two weeks of this years summer school holidays, consequently lots of families are away on holidays, both overseas and at home. This Sunday there will be no "Children's Liturgy" as part of the 9am Mass, it will resume again next Sunday September 3rd. The "Sunday Readers Rota" for the young people to read at the 9am Sunday Mass will begin again on September 10, Fr Bill will speak with those who have been reading, if there are any other Year 6 Primary children, Year 7s or in Years above who would like to read, speak with Fr.Bill. Those who have read over the past year have been excellent, and a big thank you to them, and to their parents who have encouraged and supported them.

Our Weekly Newsletter Editor, Eric Broda and his daughter Amelia, have returned to Poland this past week to inter the Ashes of Renata in her birth place. May she rest in peace, in her native Poland.

A number of Parishioners have spoken with Fr. Bill about switching from the "Weekly Offertory Envelopes" to "Standing Orders" or to using the "Contactless Plate." Fr. Bill would suggest that if you have a "Current Set of Offertory Envelopes" continue to use them until they run out in March 2024, the end of the current financial year. You can then switch to a "Standing Order" or to the "Contactless Plate." Those who put "Cash" on the Plate can make that change any time, if anyone needs help with either Standing Order or Contactless Plate speak with Fr. Bill or Mike Blundell.

It will be interesting to see what the response of the Banks will be, to the latest Government Directives about the availability of their services going forward, to the general public. In the near future Lloyds nearest branches for Parish Banking will be either Glossop or Ashton, as most of the local ones are either closed or closing. Gracious thanks to Carol, Michael, Mary, and Brid, who take care of our "Parish Accounts" which includes the Weekly Banking it is much appreciated. Last week Fr. Bill mentioned the need for some more "Eucharistic Ministers", the "Sheet for Names" is now on the table in the Church Foyer. Fr Bill will organise training for those who come forward

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Isaiah 22: 19-23 Romans 11: 33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

The first reading this Sunday is from the Prophet Isaiah where he delivers a message, this message of God's Judgement, is to one who is found to be untrustworthy, justice is swift but fair. Isaiah invites us to reflect on God's call to be just, we cannot carry out any office with authority, if we are not just and upright, and God judges our motives with the utmost scrutiny.

The second reading this Sunday, is from St. Paul to the Romans, it comes in the form of a "Hymn of Praise." Paul asks and answers a number of questions about God, and we cannot argue with any of his conclusions. He praises "Gods Wisdom and Knowledge" is there anything that we could add to them ? no, Paul says, because in the first place we do not fully understand "Gods Wisdom or Knowledge" the best we can do is stand in awe of these magnificent qualities.

Today's Gospel is again taken from St. Matthew, in today's passage Peter's recognition of who Jesus is, is credited to a revelation Peter was privileged to have received from God the Father. Jesus calls Peter the rock on which the Church will be built, here we have a play on the word "Peter" in Greek, Petrus means rock. The word "Church" as we find it in today's Gospel, is only one of three times we find it in "Matthew's Gospel" Peter has been given the privilege of being the "Founder" because of the special revelation he received from God, that has enabled him to recognise and declare who Jesus is. Next Week, we will see how Peter, when asked to make a deeper commitment to being with Jesus in more difficult times, fails.