

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
16th April 2023
2nd 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	16 th April Intentions: Gerald Kendrick.(A) Parishioners	Thursday 10am	20 th April DAILY MASS Holy Souls.
Monday	17 th April NO MASS	Friday	21 st April NO MASS
Tuesday	18 th April NO MASS	Saturday Vigil 6pm	22 nd April Special Intention.
Wednesday 10am	19 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Sheila Farnsworth.	Sunday 9am	23 rd April MORNING MASS 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:

A week has passed since we celebrated the great “Feast of Easter” the source of our Salvation, delivered for us by the Easter Resurrection of Jesus. Pope Francis’ message “Urbi et Orbi” reflected on the certainty of Jesus’ resurrection, and its consequences for our troubled world of today. Pope Francis’ prayer was that the power of the resurrection would open new paths for peace, that world leaders would come to see leadership as a divine responsibility given for the purpose of leading their citizens, not for the misuse of power and corruption. Pope Francis named a number of “World Regions” where leaders were causing their citizens harm by the mismanagement of Political Power.

We hope all our families have had a peaceful and restful Easter vacation, some of our schools will make a return this coming week, and this final School term is a long one but at least there are some Bank Holidays to give everyone some respite, which will include the coronation of King Charles on May 6, this will be a celebration that most people will not have previously experienced, it will be a splendid occasion for the nation.

Fr. Bill, would like to thank Parishioners and Friends of the Parish for their very generous Easter Offerings, they are greatly appreciated.

During Holy Week, Fr. Bill and Angela Gill visited all the Sick and Housebound that are known to us at this time, with Communion, and brought them greetings from the Parishioners.

If there is anyone Sick or unable to get out, please let Fr. Bill know so that he and the Parish SVP Conference Members can pay them a visit.

Mary Abbott, is currently residing at Marple Dale, she is in Room F21 upstairs and welcomes visitors.

Cyril Nield, is poorly, and is being looked after at his home by his family, please keep them and all the sick of the Parish in your prayers.

The “First Sacrament Programme” will recommence on Thursday Evening - April 20th @ 6pm. We ask all Candidates to arrive on time, and parents to pick them up on time at 7pm after the session. First Forgiveness will be celebrated on Thursday May 4th at 6pm and First Holy Communion Saturday May 13th.

The New “Financial Year” has now got underway, so all those using “Offertory Envelopes” should by now have picked up their new sets from the table in the Church Foyer. If you are a “Tax Payer” you are eligible to be part of our “Parish Gift Aid Scheme” so please fill in a Gift Aid form, available from the table in the Church Foyer. Families please, continue to support the Sunday Morning Children’s Liturgy by bringing along your Children to Sunday Morning Mass, this is part of the promise you made when you had your Children Baptised.

“CLIMATE CRISIS EVENT” Sunday 23rd, April — 12 noon to 5:00pm @ Marple Hall School. Free entrance, Speakers Session — begins @ 1:00pm. April 11th to 21st a lead up exhibition is on display upstairs at Marple Library.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Today's first reading is again from the Acts of the Apostles, where we are given a vivid account of the life of the first Christian Community in Jerusalem. Their lifestyle was a radical testimony in response to their “Christian Calling” as believers. We note the way their worship was structured, and the way they shared everything in common.

Today's second reading is from the “Letter of St. Peter” where Peter is praising God for his actions in raising Jesus from the dead. This action, St. Peter tells us, has given us believers a very rich heritage that never can be taken from us. Peter reflects on just how fortunate we are to have this special blessing stored up for us in the Heavens.

Today's Gospel from St. John gives an account of the Disciples experiencing Jesus’ presence amongst them after the resurrection, Jesus appears in bodily form to them though it is not a bodily presence that the Disciples are familiar with. Thomas is the one Disciple not present, but in a subsequent visit recounted by St. John, Thomas is to be challenged about his lack of belief, as Jesus gives him the opportunity to experience the precious wounds, thus ending his disbelief, and prompting Thomas’ act of Faith.