

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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2th April 2023
PALM SUNDAY



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for April:

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit.

Palm Sunday Vigil 6pm 9am 4pm	2 nd April Vigil Mass Of Palm Sunday Ints:C Blundell (A) MORNING MASS Parishioners / Mary Abbott. Stations of the Cross	Holy Thursday 7:45 pm 8:30 pm 10 pm	6 th April Mass of the Lord's Supper M. Carney. Watching / Night Prayer
Monday	3 rd April NO MASS	Good Friday 3 pm 5 pm	7 th April Service of the Passion & Death of Jesus. <i>Confessions <u>before</u> & <u>after</u> service</i> Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness. Starting @ Linnet Clough, Scout Camp & proceeding to the Cross on Cobden Edge. (Dogs allowed / must be on a lead)
Tuesday	4 th April NO MASS	Holy Saturday 12 noon - 1pm Vigil 7:45 pm	8 th April Church Open / Confession. Easter Vigil & 1 st Mass of Easter Intentions: Douglas Helliwell / Renata Broda-
Spy Wednesday 10am	5 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Parish / Sick & Housebound	Easter Sunday 9:30 am 12:45 pm	9 th April Mass of the Resurrection Intentions: Parishioners. Christenings.

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:

The “New Series of Offertory Envelopes” for those who use Envelopes to make their Sunday Donation, are now available from the table in the Church Foyer. If there is a Parishioner needing a set of Envelopes, please write your Name on the Blank Sheet provided, and we will secure a set for you. Likewise if we have any Tax Payers who are not part of “Gift Aid” please consider joining Gift Aid as the Parish can get an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. If you are part of Gift Aid, and have stopped paying Tax, you do need to let Fr. Bill or Michael Blundell know, as we will need to stop claiming Gift Aid on your donation. Fr. Bill would like to remind Parishioners and Friends of the Parish that their own personal finances come before they consider making any donations to the Parish. It is a difficult time financially for everyone as well as most institutions and organisations.

Thanks to all those who submitted their “Red Missio Box” for emptying, the final total was £542. If you submitted a “Red Box” it is now ready to be picked up, again if anyone would like to start using a Red Missio Box, please ask Fr. Bill, who can let you have one.

Last Thursday we had the “4th Preparatory Session” for the “First Sacraments”. This was the final session now until after Easter. Both the First Sacraments of Forgiveness and Eucharist will be celebrated in early May. Preparations for the day are getting under way. Candidates will be allowed 11 guests on the day, giving each family a total of 12 on the day, there will be a practise on Thursday May 11 to arrange seating, Readers etc. So far Children are doing well, we still however have a number of Candidates who are not attending Mass at all, I expect there are more important things to do on the weekend ??

This Sunday, is “Palm Sunday” the beginning of “Holy Week” the greatest week in our Liturgical Year. This Sunday we bless and distribute the Palms in remembrance of the first Palm Sunday. The times of all the “Holy Week & Easter Services” are available on the Sheets on the table in the Church Foyer, or they can be found on line, simply look up Holy Spirit. Fr. Bill hopes that Parishioners and Friends will make a special effort to attend the Holy Week Services (see times on first page). This a foretaste of the “Heavenly — Liturgy that every Catholic should hope to share in one day, for many who have been with us across the years for Holy Week, the call has come, and we hope that they will be celebrating the Easter Liturgies in Heaven.

We also remind everyone that our “Lenten Cafod Campaign” will end on Easter Sunday, so please submit your donations via the plate on the table in the Foyer, there are still Cafod Envelopes available in the Church Foyer, on the table.

EASTER LILIES, please submit your donation £2:50p and Names, as soon as possible, so that the Easter List can be prepared.

CHURCH CLEANING for EASTER will be on Thurs 6th April at 10am. Please help. All welcome

SCRIPTURE READINGS — PALM SUNDAY 2023

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:26

This Palm Sunday we begin Holy Week, and our journey with Jesus on the way of the Cross, anticipating his resurrection on Easter Day. We begin our Masses on this Palm Sunday with the blessing of Palms, commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. The events of Jesus’ Passion and death are proclaimed in full by our reading of St. Matthew’s account of the Passion, we will repeat the Passion on Friday as we read from St. John’s Gospel.

The story of Jesus’ Passion and Death as recounted in St. Matthew’s Gospel focuses on Jesus’ obedience to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his Disciples to prepare for the Passover, he indicates that events to come (last supper) are the will of the Father. In Jesus’ Prayer in the Garden, he prays three times for the “Cup of Suffering” to be taken away from him but concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father.

Another of St. Matthew’s themes, is that of Jesus being the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Matthew wants us to know that all that happens to Jesus during his Passion and Death is in accordance with what has been foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures. If these events of Jesus’ Passion are in accordance with the Scriptures, then they are God’s will and God is in control. Matthew also wants to remind us that Jesus is the “Suffering — Servant” of the Old Testament. What has been foretold through the ages is now being fulfilled, and we as Catholics for this great week, should set aside any other plans that we may have, in order to be an active part of it.