

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922
30th July 2023
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for July:

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus.

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	30 th July Intentions: John Lane. MORNING MASS Intention: Parishioners.	Thursday	3 rd August NO MASS
Monday 6:30 pm	31 st July Parish SVP conference meeting.	Friday	4 th August NO MASS
Tuesday 10 am	1 st August MORNING MASS Ints: Anne Crossley.	Saturday 6 pm	5 th August VIGIL MASS Intentions: Parishioners.
Wednesday 10 am	2 nd July MORNING MASS Ints: Peter Elliott.	Sunday 9 am	6 th August MORNING MASS Intentions: Mary Abbott.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Ruth Grace Crosby, Bill Davies, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Neil Timperley, 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:

By the time you read this newsletter all schools and colleges will have closed for the 23 annual summer vacation. Holidays are meant to be a time of relaxation for children and their parents, so please ensure that everyone remains as safe as possible during this holiday period. Going abroad to some European destinations clearly presents a safety risk at this time, so anyone pre booked to any of these destinations should make sure it is safe to travel, and that your accommodation is actually available and habitable. While Airlines will fly you to your destination, they are in most cases not responsible for what happens to you after you have arrived. Likewise if you are remaining at home, safety is again a prime consideration as everywhere will be busy during the summer vacation.

Fr. Bill will not be taking a summer vacation this year as there are a number of issues that relate to both the Holy Spirit and St. Bernadette's Church, that require his attention over the next number of months. Currently the planning permission for the New Church Entrance is being considered by Stockport Borough Council, Planning Department. We hope to have their decision by September 5th which will then enable us to go to tender.

We have a number of leaks at St. Bernadette's Church in Brinnington, where a number of roof tiles are broken and need replacing, we have hired a two person cherry picker at a cost of £1200 a day to replace the tiles, and this should solve the problem for now,

In the long term the roof needs to be replaced at an approx cost of 200k. This is also the time of year for priests to move parishes within the diocese, and also for those who are seventy five to offer their resignation, our local Deanery is not affected either by priests retirements or by priests moves this year.

The banking of Church Monies is beginning to become more problematic as so many local branches of all banks are either closed, or are preparing to close. Fr. Bill spoke to a branch manager about the closures, and the reply was that Banking Services worldwide are shrinking, and that Online Banking is the way forward. This is inevitably going to affect cash donations to our Churches, Fr. Bill, would kindly invite those who can to use their credit card via the contactless plate or to set up a Standing Order. The Standing Order Forms are on the table in the Church Foyer. If you need help on how to use the contactless plate speak with Fr. Bill. You can also use the contactless plate to Gift Aid if you are currently a tax payer. How many of our tax payers are signed up for Gift Aid ? Remember, it is an extra 25p for every £1 you donate to our Church, at no cost to you the donor. Clearly cash is going to be more difficult going forward to manage, so Fr. Bill is inviting Parishioners and Friends of the parish to use either Standing Orders or the Contactless Plate going forward.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

The first reading this Sunday is from the first book of Kings, where Solomon who is to become King is given a choice by God, and he asks for "Wisdom" so that he can wisely govern God's People. God is so satisfied by Solomon's request that he grants it without hesitation, commenting on how appropriate such a request is. Wisdom so often begets even more wisdom.

The second reading this Sunday again is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, where Paul says that when we love God, everything is turned to our advantage as we are enabled to love God in the same way as Jesus does. Those that Jesus calls in this way become images of his Son, and are similar to those who were called down the ages. To all who are called in this way, God shares his glory with them so that they become his disciples for their time.

This Sunday's Gospel, is again from St. Matthew, Chapter 13, Today's gospel continues Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven, it concludes with a curious comment about the Scribe, who understands the Kingdom of Heaven. This Scribe is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the Old and the New. The Scribe referred to here is an expert in the Mosaic Law. It is most likely that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian Community on how to interpret the Jewish Law with respect to Jesus' new teaching. Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven does not replace the Jewish Traditional Teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven but it rather interprets it in a different way.