

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922**  
**9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**Pope Francis's prayer intention for July:**

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

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6 pm 9 am	9 <sup>th</sup> July Celia Walker (Anniv) MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners	<b>Thursday</b> 10 am	13 <sup>th</sup> July Int: Cyril Nield
<b>Monday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> July NO MASS	<b>Friday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> July NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> 6 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> July VIGIL MASS Intention: Parishioner
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 am	12 <sup>th</sup> July DAILY MASS Anne Crossley	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	16 <sup>th</sup> July MORNING MASS 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:**

Last week we celebrated the Requiems of Joan O'Brien and Mary Abbott, and it was great to see a good attendance on both occasions, this week began with the "Funeral Service of Sheila Frazer" from St. Bernadette's Parish, Brinnington. Here at Holy Spirit we celebrated the Requiem for Rachel Dumont - Baber ( nee Elliott) on Thursday last, again there was good attendance, Rachel was one of our own, who was born and grew up in the parish. May they both rest in peace.

The last of Saturday in each month there is "Holy Hour and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament" beginning at 10:30am ending at 11:30am during this time the Sacrament of Confession is also available. Confessions are also available before and after Weekday & Weekend Masses on request, you can also request the Sacrament at any other time by contacting Fr. Bill by email or phone.

Last weekend our Parish SVP Conference held a "Cake Sale" and raised the great sum of £265:70p they would like to thank all who supported their efforts, it is appreciated.

Last week we also had Fullwood Roofers carrying out minor maintenance on the lower level roof, while it was not leaking, a number of seals needed replacing as they were in a state of poor repair. Both upper and lower roofs will need regular monitoring to ensure they remain water tight. Work on installing the New Church Boiler, began on Monday last, it is a big job, as we are changing over from a water based heating system to a new pressurised system. The installation should be completed by Mid-July when the system should be up and running.

Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals are always by prior appointment with Fr. Bill, Weddings require at least six months prior notice, for Baptisms to speak with Fr. Bill in good time after the birth of your child, remember that Fr. Bill is administering two parishes, and people at St. Bernadette's Brinnington, are also requesting Baptismal & Wedding dates. Where possible Fr. Bill will do his utmost to facilitate dates requested for Weddings and Baptisms.

Requests for Masses - please fill in one of the "The Brown Mass Intention Envelopes" which you will find in the basket in the Church Foyer, and hand it to Fr. Bill. Again Fr. Bill will do his best to offer the Mass on the date requested, but cannot always give a 100% guarantee.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS — 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023**

*Zechariah 9: 9-10    Romans 8: 9, 11-13    Matthew 11: 25-30*

Our 1st reading this Sunday is from the minor Prophet Zechariah, who again is making a prophecy that there is great change on the way, the Messiah, Jesus is on his way, and his coming will change everything. The mighty powers will be stopped in their tracks, a power greater than them will rule, the experience of war will be something of the past.

Our 2nd reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, is again a reminder that we have been claimed by Christ, by the Spirit of God living in us, so we have no need to remain in a "State of Sin" we are now invited to rise above our Sinful Past, and live according to dictates of the "Spirit" living within us.

Today's Gospel is again from St. Matthew, where Jesus challenges those who have seen his "mighty deeds" and still fail to believe in him. Matthew explains the reason for this lack of belief, and explains that without faith, any amount of deeds will not lead to a person believing. Jesus also prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples, he praises God for making himself known to the "Little Ones" and not to just the clever and learned.