

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Online Donations

## Third Sunday of Easter

*Pope Francis's prayer intention for April: For the Role of Women.*

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6 pm 9 am	14 <sup>th</sup> April Ints: Alice & Joseph Magrath <b>MORNING MASS</b> Intentions: Parishioners	<b>Thursday</b> 6 pm	18 <sup>th</sup> April NO MASS Exposition and Holy Hour.
<b>Monday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> April NO MASS	<b>Friday</b> 10 am	19 <sup>th</sup> April DAILY MASS Priests Intention.
<b>Tuesday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> April NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> 6 pm	20 <sup>th</sup> April <b>VIGIL MASS</b> Ints: Michael & Pauline Walton.
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 am	17 <sup>th</sup> April DAILY MASS Intentions: Peter Elliott.	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	21 <sup>st</sup> April <b>MORNING MASS</b> Intentions: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Jonathan Davison, Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, Isaac Iqba, Stuart Madden, Nina Noworyta, 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. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No.234025

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## Fr. Bill Writes

The Easter Holidays for 2024 are coming to an end this coming week, and we hope that it has been a great time for all our families. Next up for many of our Secondary School Pupils will be exams, so the coming months will be challenging for many pupils as well as their families, so please keep them in your prayers.

The New Financial Year 2024/25 began in early April, so Mike and Carol who look after our Parish & Developments Fund A/Cs will over the coming month prepare a Statement of A/Cs for both the Parish & Development Fund, and submit them to the Shrewsbury Diocesan Board of Finance, for their consideration. Thank you to Mike and Carol for the time and effort given to looking after these A/Cs. It is appreciated. Fr. Bill would like to thank Parishioners and Friends of the Parish for their continued Financial Support, it enables Holy Spirit Parish to remain fit for purpose, and viable, the same cannot be said for lots of other Catholic Parishes across many of our Catholic dioceses here in the British Isles.

St. Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Marple Bridge, wish to appoint an inspirational and talented permanent, part time Class Teacher from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 working three days a week. We are willing to appoint Main Scale or Upper Pay Scale teachers, depending on skills and experience. Practising Catholics preferred. Further details can be found at <https://www.stmarysmarplebridge.srscmat.co.uk/our-school/vacancies/>  
Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

Andrea O Mullane, would like to say thank you on behalf of the Little Bee sewing group for a large piece of fabric received from a Parishioner of Holy Spirit, it will be put to good use by the Little Bee sewing group when they meet in future for their sessions.

Catholic Schools within the diocese of Shrewsbury that do not already have Academy status will begin the process after the Easter holidays, to become part of an Academy, this is a lengthy process, so we wish all those Schools and Governors who will begin the process post Easter, the very best in their endeavours.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is seeking to appoint a New Director of Education for the Diocese. Mr. Damien Cunningham is due to retire this coming summer. Application Forms for the post will be available soon. The Diocese has also appointed a New Vicar General Canon Jonathan Brandon who will replace Canon Philip Moore who has to retire on the grounds of ill health.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of the Parish (and School) Communities. Helen Johnson is the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for both the Parishes of St. Bernadette's, Brinnington and Holy Spirit, Marple. Helen can only be effective in that role if she is supported fully by Parishioners of both parishes. Helen is available if anyone has any safeguarding issues or concerns. Please call on 0782522620 or email [safeguarding.holyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.holyspirit@gmail.com).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS – Third Sunday of Easter

*Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19      1 John 2: 1-5a      Luke 24: 35-48*

Today's first reading is again from the Acts of the Apostles, and Peter is reminding the Jews that it was their unjust actions that led to Jesus' unjust condemnation and death. However, Peter says that despite their unjust actions, God raised Jesus to New Life.

In today's second reading from the first Letter of St. John, the people are reminded that now that they know who God is they should be able to keep his commandments, and the same applies for us today.

Today's Gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is from St. Luke, again we have a further appearance of Jesus to his disciples, and again he is trying to reassure them that it is he and that there is nothing to be afraid of. Jesus' greeting is very important for them, "Peace be with you" after all they have witnessed his violent death, and now he has risen from the dead, they are unsure what to make of their current situation.