

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
15th May 2022
5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

First Reading: (Acts 14:21-27)

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

Second Reading : Apocalypse 21:1-5)

God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Gospel: (John 13:31-35)

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for May: For all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Sunday 6pm	15th May Bernard Sellars, Mollie Bentley	Thursday 10am	19th May Sharron Bevington
9am	Parishioners		
Monday	16th May NO MASS	Friday	20th May NO MASS
Tuesday	17th May NO MASS	Saturday	21st May NO MASS until 6pm Vigil
Wednesday 10am	18th May Stan Brown	Sunday 6pm Vigil 9am	22nd May Peter Elliott Brendan Hopkins Parishioners

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Last Saturday of the month – 10.30am-11.30am or by arrangement
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above
Collection	£374.33p

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom,, Libby Webb, Nina Noworyta, Kathleen Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, Grace Birch, David Froggatt.

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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SOCIAL

This weekend is the culmination of the "First Sacrament Programme" in total thirty plus candidates will celebrate their "First Holy Communion." An amount of work over many months has been put in by so many people, for which our Parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Mary's, Marple Bridge, are most thankful. At the heart of every successful Catholic parish is the weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, and without the participation of all our Catholic Families then our Parish Community fails to flourish and grow. In that regard this week we celebrated the Requiem Mass for Peter Elliott, whose contribution to the life of Holy Spirit Parish was so immense across so many fronts, and for so many decades, we give thanks for the generosity of his life here in our parish, May he rest in peace.

Thanks to all who supported the "Cake Sale" in aid of St. Mary's School held here at Holy Spirit, last Sunday, it raised £91:30p. Last Sunday we also introduced the idea of the "New Digital Collecting Terminal" which is now up and functioning, all you require to donate is your "Credit Card" and those operating the "Terminal" will give you instructions on how to make your donation. As we go forward the Catholic Church, like all other similar organisations, is going to have to modernise in the way it collects all its donations. Introducing this "Collecting Terminal" is preparing "Holy Spirit" so that we are ready "Digitally" to accept "Credit Card Donations" going forward. Currently about 70% of all who attend Holy Spirit regularly donate via Weekly Offertory Envelope and Standing Order or Loose Plate and we encourage Parishioners to keep doing that, if they want to change to using their Credit Card then the option is now there. From speaking with Parishioners in his last parish in Shropshire, and since coming here to Holy Spirit, Fr. Bill estimates that at least 25% of those attending Mass do not bring cash on their person, and so are unable to make any cash contribution to their parish funds, this "New Digital Collecting Terminal" will now enable them to make a donation. The time when parishioners put their hand in their pocket and threw loose change in the Collection Basket is long over, if that is all you can afford, then you probably need it more than the Parish does.

The Parish Management Team will meet shortly, and will discuss & prepare for a meeting with the Diocesan Property Manager, with regard to future Maintenance, making Church Heating a first priority. Thank you to all those who have taken a set of "Monthly Development Fund Envelopes" we now have forty plus parishioners making a regular donation to the fund, the Fund now stands at 38k. The Cafod Lenten Appeal, amounted to £915 thank you to all who made a donation. This coming week is the beginning of "Christian Aid Week" see the attachment for all further information on how to make your donation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The first reading this week is again from the "Acts of the Apostles" Paul and Barnabas are on Paul's first missionary journey, which is taking them into new territory, mostly pagan, and they are revelling in the success that they are having. They are reporting back in this passage from which we are reading today, telling us how God opened the door of Faith to the Pagans through the "Faith and Preaching of The Apostles."

We have another "Glorious Vision" from St. John in today's reading from Apocalypse. A New Heaven and a New Earth are the consequences of Jesus' death and resurrection. God is at the centre of this new life to be lived by his people, the old order is gone, a new time is here.

John's Gospel does not have an institution of the Eucharist narrative, Jesus washes his Disciples feet and immediately predicts his betrayal by Judas, which can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' washing of his disciples feet. This is the moment when the Son of Man is glorified, this theme will occur again in John's Gospel in his account of Jesus' death and resurrection. The disciples will glorify Jesus in the love that they are able to show one another and others. John's Gospel does not give a sentimental view of Love, the type of love Jesus shows is all about "Service" for his people, this is what is expected by way of the disciples' love, and service to the Christian Communities that are springing up and growing, the members of which will be recognised by the way they love each other. This love combined with service will be the hallmark of Christianity.