

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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18th September 2022
25th Sunday of the Year
HOME MISSION SUNDAY



Online Donations

First Reading: (Amos 8:4-7)

Against those who “buy up the poor for money”.

Second Reading: (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Gospel: (Luke 16:1-13)

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

Pope Francis’s prayer intention for September: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Sunday 6pm 9am	18th September Pauline Magrath Andrew Brown Parishioners	Thursday	22nd September NO MASS
Monday	19th September NO MASS	Friday	23rd September NO MASS
Tuesday	20th September NO MASS	Saturday	24th September NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday	21st September NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil 9am	25th September Michael Walton Thanksgiving (David Devine) 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	£325.84p (4/9) £380,05p 11/9)

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, , 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

In my forty plus years as a priest, I have been fortunate to experience and to record so many momentous occasions, and to write about them in the newsletters of the parishes that I have served in, recording the death of "Queen Elizabeth 11" seems unreal. It is unreal in the sense that the Queen has always been available for the people of Britain, whatever the occasion, and also for the peoples of the Commonwealth Nations, over a period of seventy years. The National void that will be felt by her death is enormous, as she was always a steady pair of hands, whatever the occasion, highlighting in a practical way all that was good about our nation. Over the past week which has been a time of Nation Mourning so many tributes have been paid to "Her Majesty" as we prepare for a "State Funeral" on Monday, which will be an opportunity to say "Thank You to Her Majesty, The Queen" for a "Life of Service" so very well lived. It has been a difficult time also for the various members of the "Royal Family" mourning the loss of a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. We pray also for Charles, who has now stepped up to the role of King, in succession to his mother, Queen Elizabeth 11, and our New King will be addressed and known by the title "His Majesty, King Charles 111" good health to him and long May He Reign. Thank you to everyone who used the opportunity to show their Condolences by using the "Condolences Slips" to express their sorrow, there are still a good number of Slips available, if anyone wants to use one to offer condolences. They will be sent to Buckingham Palace the week beginning September 26.

On the "Political Front" Ms Truss has taken up the office of Prime Minister, we take this opportunity to pray for her, as she takes on the "Affairs of State."

With regard to the matters planned here in the parish, by way of decoration etc, we are awaiting approval from the "Diocesan Board of Planning & Finance" which will meet at the end of this month to consider a variety of projects from various parishes across the diocese, which includes our Holy Spirit project.

The "Visit of The Relics of St. Bernadette." which came on a visit to our diocese early in the week, were well received, perhaps its clashing with the period of mourning for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, meant the crowds were not as large as expected. The "Relics" will visit Salford Cathedral in October, if anyone wishes to pay a visit.

The "Churches Together - Wellspring Annual Walk" was held on Saturday last with a goodly number across all denominations taking part. Thanks to all who were able to sponsor our walkers, Marian Thompson will receive outstanding sponsorship, you can either put in an envelope & leave on the table in the foyer or place in the Wellspring Collecting Container, and cross off your name from the "Sponsorship Sheet." We are also preparing for the Churches Together special day on the OT which will be held on "Saturday October 8th from 10:00am to 4:00pm at All Saints Church, entitled "The Old Testament in a 🥜 Nutshell" costing £10:00. There are also copies of the Pope's Pastoral Address on "The Season Of Creation" available from the table in the "Church Foyer."

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE after the 9am Sunday Mass on **October 2nd**. Please join us in the Meeting Room and support the Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading this Sunday is from the "Prophet Amos," prophets were called by God to call out those who were being unjust, especially to the poor and the many who were underprivileged. Those who are unjust in these matters, will be judged by God. Amos is reminding us of the Rural Agricultural nature of God's people, and how their produce is being unfairly taken from them. It still happens in our World today, richer Nations who steal the raw materials of the poorer nations.

The second reading is again this week from Paul to Timothy, Paul says even those who hold "High Office" are included in God's plan for salvation, so it is important that we pray for them. Paul says, if those in "High Office" are to carry out their duties properly then they are in need of God's help, even more than the ordinary people.

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, there is a certain amount of intrigue with the language used by Jesus. His first concern is about prudence with regard to how we use temporal goods, they must not become a stumbling block to our inheritance of The Kingdom." The Steward in today's parable is busy securing his earthly pleasures, while losing sight of "The Heavenly Kingdom."

The second concern of Jesus in today's parable is that of trustworthiness, by handling the material things of this earthly world well, we show that we are indeed ready for the handling of things of the "Heavenly Kingdom." Jesus is astutely teaching his Apostles the difference between this "temporal world and the Kingdom of Heaven" that lasts forever.