

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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1st October 2023

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The memorial of which is celebrated on October 7th.

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	1 st October Intentions: D. Yates (A), Ken Rain (A) MORNING MASS Intentions: Mary Flanagan. (dec'd)	Thursday	5 th October No MASS
Monday 11 am	2 nd October REQUIEM MASS Monica Walton.	Friday	6 th October NO MASS
Tuesday	3 rd October NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	7 th October VIGIL MASS Intentions: L. Doyle.
Wednesday 10 am	4 th October DAILY MASS Intentions: Mary Abbott.	Sunday 9 am	8 th October MORNING MASS Ints: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Jonathan Davison, Isaac Iqba, Kathleen Jones, Stuart Madden, Cyril Nield, Nina Noworyta, Pat Owen, 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.

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Fr Bill Writes:

We begin our Parish Blog this week by thanking all who supported our MacMillan cake sale last Sunday Morning, those who donated cakes for the event, and all who brewed the tea/coffee and those who tidied up, and Annette, who organised the event. A great sum of £230 was raised.

This Saturday, several members of Churches Together in the Marple area took part in the Annual Sponsored Walk in support of the Wellspring Centre. If you offered Sponsorship, and put your name on the Sponsorship Sheet, you can now put your money in the basket alongside the Sponsorship Sheet and tick off your name as paid on the sheet, don't forget to tick Gift Aid if you are a Taxpayer. If you simply want to make a straight forward donation, place your donation in the same basket. Well done to all who took part in the walk, as The Wellspring Centre is such an important asset in the Stockport area for the homeless and those in genuine need.

This weekend at our Masses Marian, a member of our Parish Cafod Group will make an appeal in aid of our Autumn 23 Cafod Parish Appeal. Special Cafod envelopes are available from the table in the foyer. The appeal will run during the month of October, all donated monies will then be counted and forwarded to Cafod in early November.

Thank you also to those who have a regular standing order in favour of Cafod. It is good to have our Young People back on the Reading Rota for the Sunday 9 am Mass. We could do with some more readers from Year 6 Primary, 7/8/9/10/ Secondary as we are short for 8th and 15th of October.

On Tuesday last our Parish SVP Conference took a number of those Parishioners who are housebound, out to lunch at Woodford Garden Centre, a great time was had by all. Thanks to our Parish SVP President, Sue Tucker and her team for all the arrangements. If you know of anybody who is housebound, and would like an SVP visit let Sue Tucker or Fr. Bill know.

We continue to celebrate the Season of Creation which will come to an end on October 4th the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023

Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Philippians 2: 1-11 Matthew 21: 28-32

Our first reading this weekend is from the prophet Ezekiel, where the Lord responds to those who complain about fairness. God's ways are just, a virtuous person who gives up their exemplary way of life, and turns to sinful way of life, will face consequences; but if they repent and go back to a virtuous way of life, their life will be preserved.

Our second reading this weekend is again from St Paul to the Philippians. Paul says, encouraged by Christ's love, unity, and compassion, we are urged to be of one mind, considering others above ourselves. Christ's selflessness and humility serve as a great example, leading to exaltation and acknowledgement of Kingship.

This week's Gospel is again from St. Matthew, presents us with the parable of the "The Two Sons" whom the Father invites to go into the Vineyard. This parable highlights the "Theme of Obedience" and God's call. The contrast between the two sons' response to the initial invitation and their reaction, illustrates the importance of genuine actions over empty promises.