

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fourth Sunday of Easter



Online Donations

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

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	21 st April Ints: Michael and Pauline Walton, Gerald Kendrick (A). MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners	Thursday 6 pm	25 th April NO MASS Exposition and Holy Hour.
Monday	22 nd April NO MASS	Friday 10 am	26 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Frank Conway. (rec / dec'd)
Tuesday	23 rd April NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	27 th April VIGIL MASS Intentions: Ken Howes.
Wednesday	24 th April NO MASS	Sunday 9 am	28 th April MORNING MASS 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

This past week saw all our Schools and Colleges reopen after the Easter Holidays 2024. Work has begun across the Shrewsbury Diocese to make sure that all Primary as well as Secondary Schools are part of an Academy Trust. This will involve a great amount of work for Governors and the Diocesan Education Department, in cooperation with Local Education Authorities across the Diocese. We wish all involved in this project success, as it is a complicated and time consuming process. The Diocese of Shrewsbury will in the near future be advertising for a new Director of Education as Mr. Cunningham, the present diocesan director is due to retire. Interviews prior to Christmas for a Property Director to replace Richard Crawford, the current director were unsuccessful, Richard will remain in post until a new director is appointed. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is similar to any PLC Company in the way that it operates, and so it must have the most qualified people leading the various departments operating within the diocese.

Lancaster Maloney Martin Architects, have come back with their recommendation of a suitable tender, for the front of Church and Car Park project, Kestrel Interiors Ltd are their recommendation as the most suitable tender. I await to hear the recommendations of the diocesan property manager, with regard to our next step. The tender which also includes Vat and professional fees comes to 140k most of which we have. We still need approximately 20k to complete the project, so now we need to up our fundraising. Thanks to those who have taken a new set of Monthly Development Fund envelopes as well as to those who have Standing Orders and to those who use the Contactless Plate which can also be used to donate to the Parish Development Fund. It will make a great difference to the frontage of the Church and Parish Meeting Room when the new entrance and windows are fitted, and the front car park is resurfaced. The front of the Church and car park has a very tired look about it at the moment.

This coming week there will be no daily Mass on Wednesday 24th April, Fr. Stephen will be attending the Diocesan Junior Clergy Gathering with the Bishop. Thanks again to Fr. Stephen for his Priestly Ministry at Holy Spirit and St. Bernadette's and to all who are continuing to volunteer in Fr. Bills enforced absence.

Last week Fr. Bill mentioned in the Newsletter the responsibility that all Parishioners and Friends of the Parish have when it comes to Safeguarding any concern or worries should be referred to Helen Johnson, who is our Parish Safeguarding Officer and can be contacted on email at safeguarding.holyspirit@gmail.com

The Cafod Lenten Project raised the wonderful sum of £1703, gracious thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Caritas Children's Society : Please return boxes to the back of church over the next few weeks.

The SVP will next meet at 6:30 pm on Mon 22nd April. New members welcome! If you know of anyone who would like a visit, please let Sue Tucker or another Conference member know.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Acts 4: 8-12

1 John 3: 1-2

John 10: 11-18

Today's first reading once again takes us to the Acts of the Apostles where Peter tells the people that the act of healing that they have witnessed is clearly more evidence that Jesus is the chosen one of God, by whose power this act has been made possible.

The second reading this weekend is a very familiar one from the first letter of St. John, we are indeed the Children of God and even when at times people do not recognise us as such, but because of our calling we are special to God, and our future is assured even if we are not sure what it will look or feel like.

Our Gospel this weekend is from St. John, where Jesus is called the Good Shepherd this is a title that encompasses all that is great about Jesus, his love and concern for all of us, despite our circumstances. We can rely on Jesus to give his all for us, especially when we are in need.