

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427 4922  
21<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## Pope Francis's prayer intention for May:

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary.

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6pm  9am	21 <sup>st</sup> May Intentions: Elsie Donellon. (A) MORNING MASS Ints: Parishioners.	<b>Thursday</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May NO MASS
<b>Monday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May NO MASS	<b>Friday</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> May NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b> 10am	23 <sup>rd</sup> May DAILY MASS Ints: Jonathan Davis.	<b>Saturday</b> Vigil 6pm	27 <sup>th</sup> May. Ints: Dr. Kevin McCoy. (Dec'd)
<b>Wednesday</b> 10am	24 <sup>th</sup> May DAILY MASS Ints: Kathleen Jones.	<b>Sunday</b> 9am	28 <sup>th</sup> May MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Nina Noworyta, Kathleen Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr. Kevin Gradwell, Kathleen Jones, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, Pat Owen, Jonathan Davison, Mary Abbott.

**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:

Last weekend we celebrated one of the great events of the Parish Year, that of First Holy Communion. We were once again blessed with very fine weather, which helped the candidates and their families greatly with the celebration. Thank you to our teams of Catechists and Stewards who prepared the Candidates, and ensured that our Health & Safety procedures were adhered to on the day. We wish the Candidates every good wish going forward, and we hope that they will play their part, by attending regularly at Mass and building up the Catholic Communities of Holy Spirit & St Mary's, at Marple Bridge.

Confirmations are the next Sacramental Celebration, anyone in Years 7/8/9 at any of our local secondary Schools are eligible candidates. Registration Forms are now available from the table in the Church Foyer. For those who have submitted their Registration Forms, Fr. Bill has handouts which the candidates can take home and go through with their parents. Fr. Bill will also give the Candidates details of a Retreat Day on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> of June, where they can join Candidates from St. Peter's Hazel Grove and St. Bernadette's at Brinnington. The Celebration of Confirmation will be had on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The time is yet to be notified, at St. Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove.

Our Parish Accounts for the past Financial Year are in the process of being signed off by the diocese. A big thank you to Carol and Mike for their ongoing work in keeping the Parish Accounts reconciled on a Monthly Basis, it is a great voluntary service to our Parish.

There are some opportunities to take part in contemplative Prayer coming up, starting on Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and continuing into June and July on Mondays, many of you took the promotion handout last weekend. Tony O' Neill will speak further on this prayer venture at Masses this weekend and Fr. Bill hopes that parishioners will avail of this opportunity to help with their Prayer Lives.

Our current Church Boiler has come to the end of its working life, and Fr. Bill is awaiting dates from W&G Heating Contractors to begin the installation of a new boiler. The old boiler will need to be dismantled, the time scale will be 8/9 days.

The front of the Church New Entrance Project, is under way, and Fr. Bill will meet the Architect and Diocesan Property Manager as well as members of the Parish Management Team/Parishioners in the coming week to review the latest drawings that will need to be submitted for planning permission to Stockport Council. Fr. Bill is hoping that this first phase will be complete by the late Autumn of this year.

The last weekend of the month is the Whit weekend bank holiday, Fr. Bill will celebrate Mass at 12 noon on Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> to mark his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, to which everyone is invited. We remind everyone that Christian Aid is happening at this time, envelopes will be available on the table in the foyer. Thanks to those who have brought in their Family Society Boxes for emptying.

CHOIR PRACTICE this coming Thursday Evening May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm in preparation for the 6pm VIGIL MASS — Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS — 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 2023**

*Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11*

The opening reading this weekend gives us an account of what the disciples of Jesus and his mother did in the aftermath of "Jesus Ascension" back to the Father. They now gathered in the upper room to spend time in prayer and prepare themselves for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. We now have a period to do something similar until the great feast of Pentecost on Sunday next May 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> the paternal feast of our Parish, Holy Spirit.

Today's second reading is from the first Letter of St. Peter where he is speaking to the early Christian Community and encouraging them to suffer for their Faith if they have to for it will help them to identify with Jesus in his time of suffering. When the time of reward comes, they will have a special share in the spoils, so to speak, precisely because they suffered for their beliefs.

Today's Gospel is again from St. John, it is a prayer that Jesus prayed at the last supper at the end of which he was arrested in the garden. This prayer can be read as Jesus' commendation of himself to the Father, where he also shows concern for the disciples. The prayer also shows the complete union between Jesus and his Father, which has existed before the beginning of time, an inseparable union that has finally bore fruit.