

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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25th September 2022
26th Sunday of the Year
THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST



Online Donations

First Reading: (Amos 6:1 4-7)

Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled..

Second Reading: (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

Gospel: (Luke 16:19-31)

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

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	25th September Michael Walton Thanksgiving (David Devine) Parishioners	Thursday	29th September NO MASS
Monday	26th September NO MASS	Friday	30th September NO MASS
Tuesday	27th September NO MASS	Saturday	1st October September NO MASS until 6pm Vigil
Wednesday	28th September NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil 9am	2nd October Ken Rain Nora Crompton (Anniversary) Parishioners

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions NONE 24TH SEPTEMBER	Last Saturday of the month 10.30am-11.30am or by arrangement
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above
Collection	£213.47p

Please pray for Grace Birch who died last week. May she rest in peace. Details of Requiem soon.

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, 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

What a great celebration of "Her Majesty's Life" with the State Funeral on Monday last, it was a fitting grand finale to a life of service lasting seventy plus years. It is unlikely that any future leader will live to see so many changes in their lifetime.

This past week has been family orientated for a change, I have been celebrating away in Portugal, as well as finishing off the second half of my Summer Holidays.

During the past week, Richard Crawford, the Property Manager for the Shrewsbury Diocese, put before the "Diocesan Finance Board" four parts of the "Parish Project" that we hoped to proceed with, (A) Interior Decoration of the Church. (B) New Church Entrance. (C) Church Car Park. (D) New Church Boiler. After their deliberations, we have been given permission as a Parish to use 36k of the monies raised via the "The Newly Established Development Fund" to install a "New Church Entrance." Once this first part of the four part project is completed, we will be invited to submit the other parts of the project for consideration. Currently across the diocese there are several "Urgent Refurbishments" going ahead, so we have to take our place in the queue so to speak. The planning and delivery of the "New Church Entrance" will begin immediately, the Architect will work on the drawings, and then the project will go out to tender, all the aforementioned will be by way of preparation. Once this part of the project begins there will be disruption to some extent, the Parish "Finance & Management Team" will draw up contingency plans for safe entry & exit to the Church, while the project is being carried out.

This weekend we welcome and thank Fr. John Daly who will celebrate the weekend Masses while Fr. Bill is away. We remember also Catherine Woodhead and Michael Blundell who are in hospital and making a recovery, please keep them in your prayers. Robert Moss is well on his way on his trek from Lake Geneva to Rome, apart from a few blisters he is making steady progress, and I know that many of you are following his Blog. There is a Map of his progress on the Notice Board in the Church Foyer.

It is nice to see a number signed up for the day on Saturday October 8 entitled "The Old Testament in a Nutshell" there are still plenty of spaces left, please put your name on the sheet, which is on the "Table in The Church Foyer." The Walkers taking part from Holy Spirit Parish in the recent "Wellspring Sponsored Walk" with your help raised £403 as soon as the other Churches declare the amounts they have raised we will announce the total amount raised by "Churches Together."

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Grace Birch last week, please pray for the happy repose of her soul.. Grace was our Sacristan here at Holy Spirit for many years. Our sincere sympathy goes to Julie her niece and Pete her husband and the whole family who supported Grace so well over the years.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY will be on Friday October 7th.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading this Sunday is again from "Amos The Prophet" Amos is scathing about those who are continuing to fleece the poor and underprivileged by using their deceitful and underhanded ways to deprive them of their just rights. God will not leave their complacency and conduct to go unpunished towards the poor and needy. The time will come when these Leaders will be held accountable.

The second reading is again this week from St. Paul to Timothy, Paul exhorts Timothy to do his utmost to fulfil the calling that he has received to promote the "Kingdom of God" and its truths in the same way that Jesus stood up for the truth when carried before Pilate, the Roman Governor of Palestine. Timothy is reminded that there is no room for turning back or changing his mind, his call is a call to faithfulness, and service.

In today's Gospel, the major theme of St. Luke's Gospel is that of concern for the poor, in the life of the Disciple. Jesus in today's Gospel contrasts the life of Lazarus the poor man, with that of the rich man. There is a reversal in fortunes after their deaths, the rich man is seeking the help of Lazarus, but Abraham reminds him that his present situation has arisen because his earthly life was concerned primarily with earthly things, and at no time had he any considerations for the poor and needy. The story of Lazarus and the Poor Man, emphasises the concern of Jesus for the poor, and the small part that riches play in our attaining of the Kingdom of God.