

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Online Donations

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

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	28 th April Ints: Ken Howes. (Dec'd) MORNING MASS Intentions: Ian Frazer, Parishioners	Thursday 6 pm	2 nd May NO MASS Exposition; Holy Hour
Monday	29 th April NO MASS	Friday	3 rd May NO MASS
Tuesday	30 th April NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	4 th May VIGIL MASS Intentions: Parishioners.
Wednesday 10 am	1 st May DAILY MASS (St. Joseph) Ints: Kathleen Jones.	Sunday 9 am	5 th May MORNING MASS Intentions: Renata Broda.

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

Since last week's Newsletter was posted, Fr. Bill has spent an amount of time speaking with the Diocesan Board of Finance, with regard to the monies required to complete the Front of Church Proposed Project. The situation is as follows, we have almost 60k in our Development Fund and £53k in our Parish Central Fund. The Diocesan Board of Finance will now only allow us to use 25k of our Parish Central Fund Monies for the Front of Church Project the overall cost of the Project now stands 140k+ this is 20k up on the estimated cost eighteen months ago when Fr. Bill launched the project. There is a shortfall of 55k which the Diocesan Board of Finance is not in a position to bridge with a financial loan at the moment, due to other more urgent projects being financed across the diocese, so while the Project is fully approved by the Diocesan Finance Board, Fr. Bill has agreed to delay the project, until the Parish have had a chance to do some more Fundraising. The good News is that the Central Fund A/C is to receive a further 15k from a bequest by a deceased parishioner in the near future, along with this if we can up significantly the amount being donated monthly to the Development Fund then the project can be completed in the not too distant future. Fr. Bill is sorry that this is the current situation, but the increased cost in materials, along with VAT, professional Fees plus VAT on these fees, has made all building repair projects so much more costly.

Recently we had a big thank you from Missio for all the donations they have received via the Red Boxes. Holy Spirit Parish in 2023 raised £1280, this was made up from the Red Boxes as well as from direct giving for which Missio is especially thankful.

Fr. Bill has spoken with Mrs. Ashton (Parish First Holy Communion Catechist) and with Fr. Stephen, so parents should shortly be notified about the dates and times of sessions in preparation for First Holy Communion as well as a date for the First Holy Communion Mass in early June.

The Parish SVP are always keen to receive new members, so if you are interested in finding out more, speak with Sue Tucker, or any Conference member. If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like an SVP visit, then let the SVP Conference know.

If you have a Caritas Childrens Society box, please leave it on the table in the Church foyer for emptying any time in the coming weeks.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all Parishioners and Friends of the parish. If you have any concerns or worries, please contact Helen Johnson who is the Parish Safeguarding Officer at safeguarding.holyspirit@gmail.com

There will be no Daily Mass this coming Friday, May 3rd as Fr. Stephen has a Requiem Mass at St. Bernadette's, Brinnington, for Carole Conroy at 10:45am. May she rest in peace.

This year Pentecost falls on May 17th/18th and it is intended to have a Parish Party after the 6:30 Vigil Mass, so if everyone attending could bring along some eats to share. Fr. Stephen is also keen for those of varying nationalities to provide a bidding prayer in their native tongue, please sign your name on the sheet on the table in the foyer, if you can do so.

There will be Choir Practice on May 2nd & 9th at 7:30pm to prepare for Pentecost.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8

The opening reading this weekend is from the Acts of the Apostles, where Jesus' disciples are introduced to (Saul) St. Paul, but we are told that they are fearful of this latest disciple of Jesus, but nevertheless they accept him, before he sets off on his own distinctive missionary work.

The second reading this Sunday is again from the first letter of St. John, where John wants the quality of our Love to be sincere and complete, only in this way can we really be comfortable and in a sense be complete in God's presence. To have this quality of Love we must have absolute trust in God.

This Sunday's Gospel is again from St. John, where we have the discourse on the true vine from the Last Supper, Jesus provides his disciples with a number of instructions, by way of a farewell discourse. Jesus is teaching the disciples about the importance of following his instructions on Love and Service.