

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**PENTECOST**



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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	28 <sup>th</sup> May Ints: Dr. K. McCoy. (Dec'd) MORNING MASS Ints: Mary Abbott.	<b>Thursday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June NO MASS
<b>Monday</b> 12 noon <i>(Fr.Bill's 70th Birthday)</i>	29 <sup>th</sup> May DAILY MASS Ints: Mary Abbott	<b>Friday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> June NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> May NO MASS	<b>Saturday</b> Vigil 6pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> June Ints: Mary Abbott.
<b>Wednesday</b> 10am	31 <sup>st</sup> May DAILY MASS Feast of the Visitation / Parishioners.	<b>Sunday</b> 9am	4 <sup>th</sup> June 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.

**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:

This weekend we celebrate the Whit Bank Holiday, which is associated with the "Wakes week", which was an extended break for the Mill Workers. The cotton trade was a very big part of the life of many Manchester Communities.

These past two weeks Christian Aid have been making their Annual Appeal, this weekend is your final opportunity to make your donation, if you have not already done so. Christian Aid Envelopes available from the table in the foyer. Thanks to those who brought in their Caritas Boxes for the Children's Society, still time to bring in remaining boxes.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit also our Parish Feast Day.

Thank you to all who have attended Choir Practice in preparation for the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, it is valued and appreciated.

It is also very encouraging to see a large number of families attending Sunday Morning Mass. and children's liturgy. We have a small number of Candidates who have registered for Confirmation, which will be celebrated on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Peter's Hazel Grove. This is the last call for any year 7 / 8 / 9 pupils to register, from any of our local Secondary Schools. There are registration forms on the table in the church foyer, fill in and return asap to Fr. Bill. Those Candidates who have registered, please pick up a copy of the preparatory book from Fr. Bill. There will be a retreat day for the Candidates on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> with the Confirmation Practice on Sunday evening, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Mary Abbott, Mary died on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy illness, latterly spent in Marple Dale Nursing Home. Mary has given distinguished service to Holy Spirit Parish for fifty years plus, we extend sympathies to her son James and family. May she rest in peace. At the time of going to print there are no funeral arrangements as yet.

This Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Fr. Bill will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and will mark it by celebrating Mass at 12 noon, to which **all are cordially invited**.

As Fr. Bill prepares this Newsletter, the diocesan property manager and site architect are due on site on Thursday to present the drawings for the proposed New Entrance to the Church.

Fr. Bill has agreed with W&G Heating that the new church boiler installation will begin the last week of June.

Fullwood roofing contractors have inspected the flat roof of the church, and will carry out some routine maintenance, as well as sealing part of the upper flashings, which was causing a leak near the side exit.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS — PENTECOST 2023**

*Acts 2:1-11    1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13    John 20: 19-23*

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we are given a description of what actually happened on that 1<sup>st</sup> Pentecost Day. The Disciples once again assembled in the Upper Room most likely at prayer, awaiting the great moment of the descent of the Spirit, probably nervous, unsure and yet excited. As promised the time arrived in the midst of a great noise, echoing the presence of Yahweh's arrival in the Old Testament.

In today's second reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, we are reminded that it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can recognise who God is, and speak about him to others. The Holy Spirit is given to each one in a different way, so that we exercise the particular gifts that have been given to us, which benefit the Community to which we belong.

Today, we read again from St. John's Gospel, as we bring to a conclusion the Season of Easter 2023. Today marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and also the formal beginning of the Church as we know it today. Jesus fulfils his promise to send a helper an advocate to be with the Apostles to enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, today's Gospel reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of Peace, Forgiveness, and actions of the Holy Spirit.