

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**31st July 2022**  
**18th Sunday of the Year**



Online Donations

**First Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 1:2 ,2:21-23)**

What does a man gain for all his toil?.

**Second Reading : (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)**

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is..

**Gospel: (Luke 12:13-21)**

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?.

**Pope Francis's prayer intention for August: For small and medium sized businesses: in the midst of economic and social crises, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.**

Sunday 6pm  9am	31st July Lauren Courtney (sick)  Parishioners	Thursday	4th August NO MASS
Monday	1st August NO MASS	Friday	5th August NO MASS
Tuesday	2nd August NO MASS	Saturday	6th August NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday	3rd August NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil  9am	7th August Frank, Ursula & McGill Family  Parishioners

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Last Saturday of the month 10.30am-11.30am or by arrangement
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above
Collection	£

**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, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, Grace Birch, 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

The "Summer Vacation" for Schools, Colleges, Universities, is now in full swing, and it is Fr. Bill's hope that all our Families will be able to share some quality time together, either at home or away. On Monday last Fr. Bill celebrated "The Leavers Mass" at St. Mary's, it was a great occasion for Year 6s and Staff Members retiring and taking up new Posts. It was great also to meet up with the New Headteacher, Mr. Nish who will take up his post at the start of the New Academic Year in early September. Fr. Daniel, who was Parochial Administrator at St. Mary's since Fr. John died, has received a new appointment, and we wish him well in his new placement, and we look forward to meeting his successor. The Bishop here in our own diocese has made a Number of Appointments, to ensure that all our parishes have regular Sunday Mass, there are also a number of Priests currently on sick leave, so please keep them in your prayers, and also do remember to pray for all of the Students who are at Seminary, in training for the Priesthood for our diocese.

The "Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes" is currently taking place, it set off on Thursday last July 28th. and will return on Thursday next August 6th. This Pilgrimage is the first since 2019, and is much smaller than the "Pre-Covid Pilgrimages, hopefully it will build up again size wise in the coming years. During the Pilgrimage Masses at the Shrine of Lourdes there are a number of "Diocesan Intentions" prayed for, this year the "Main Intentions" being prayed for are: (1) For the peace of the World as we entrust all of Humanity, especially Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (2) For all the "Young People of Our Diocese" that amidst the uncertainties of our time, they may respond with joy as they decide on which vocation to follow. This year's great Feast of "The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary" will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass of Saturday 13th of August and the Sunday Morning Mass of August the 14th.

On the 14th of September the "Relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes" will visit many of the Diocese of England and Wales, here in Shrewsbury Diocese the visit will begin at the Cathedral in Shrewsbury, then visit St. Werburgh's Chester, with a private visit to the Carmelite Sisters, at Grosvenor Road, Birkenhead. The only Parish in the diocese that is dedicated to St. Bernadette, is in Brinnington, Stockport, interestingly it is not on the rota of places in the diocese to be visited by the relics.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER AUTUMN EVENTS:** Saturday 10th September - **THE ANNUAL WALK FOR THE WELLSPRING.**

**SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER - "THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A NUTSHELL"** - bringing the Bible to life. Details of these are on the Churches Together notice board and on the table at the back of church.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS - 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this week's first reading from Ecclesiastes, we are reminded by the Sacred Writer of how easy it is for us to be caught up in the things of this World. This pursuit of earthly so called treasure leads nowhere but gives us a false sense of our own importance. Power can corrupt, and as we see with so many temporal and spiritual leaders this "absolute power" corrupts absolutely, to such an extent that it leads the person astray.

Today's second reading, is again from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, and it echoes the sentiments of the first reading from Ecclesiastes, the things that really matter in our lives are "Heavenly Things" they really represent who we as believers really are, there are no unjust judgements of others, when we live according to God's Law. The baptised Person is a "New Creation" and must live accordingly. The heavenly and earthly lives are in stark contrast to each other's.

Today's Gospel, is again from St. Luke, in Chapter 12 Jesus tells his disciples that a person's life does not depend on what earthly possessions they have. Jesus is about to speak to the Disciples and an assembled crowd, when a man from the crowd shouts to Jesus, asking him to tell his brother to share the inheritance with him. Jesus answers by telling the story of the man who became rich through no circumstances of his own, and how he reacted to this unexpected windfall. Jesus sums up the man's reaction, he says where the rich man finds himself is a lonely place, at the final judgement material things will not be the currency by which we will be judged.