

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday



Online Donations

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

Sunday Vigil 6 pm 9 am	7 th April Ints: Douglas Helliwell. MORNING MASS <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Intentions: Parishioners	Thursday	11 th April NO MASS
Monday	8 th April NO MASS	Friday 10 am	12 th April DAILY MASS Intentions: Priests
Tuesday	9 th April NO MASS	Saturday 6 pm	13 th April VIGIL MASS Ints: Alice & Joseph Magrath
Wednesday 10 am	10 th April DAILY MASS Ints: Peter & Audrey Turner	Sunday 9 am	14 th April MORNING MASS Intentions: Parishioners.
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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A/C DETAILS: Name Holy Spirit Development Account, Account No. 58710368, Sort Code 30 15 52

Fr. Bill Writes

Easter Sunday got the Easter Season off to a great start, churches this year had much bigger numbers in attendance than in previous years. This is an encouraging sign for our Christian Communities. Thank you to all who took part in, and helped with Holy Week and our Easter Masses, your support and help made such a difference.

School holidays will continue for another week, and we hope that all families will be able to have some good quality social time together, especially in the outdoors, though the weather is not great. The final terms of this year's school year are very lengthy, because of the celebration of Easter being so early in the Calendar Year 2024.

Thank you to all who have supported our Lenten Parish Cafod Campaign the monies donated over the Lenten Period will be counted in the immediate future, and forwarded to Cafod. A big thank you to all who made a generous donation to the Easter Church Offerings your support is very much appreciated. A good number of the new sets of Development Fund envelopes have been taken by Parishioners, there are still about 5 sets left should anyone wish to use them to make a monthly donation to the Development Fund. This is the fund that will be used to fund the new Church front entrance. Donations can also be made via the Contactless Plate.

Fr. Bill would like to thank all those who sent himself and Mary, his housekeeper, Easter Greetings which were greatly appreciated and received.

This past week also saw the start of the New Financial Year 2024/25, so the parish will begin claiming in the first period of this year Gift Aid, which has been offered by our Parishioners and Friends of the Parish, again a big thank you to all who have Offered Gift Aid. Mike and Carol will submit by the end of April, a Statement of Parish Accounts which are a requirement by the Diocese of Shrewsbury Finance Department at the end of each Financial Year.

Fr. Bill expects to hear in the near future, which of the four building firms that submitted tenders for the front of Church Project has been selected, which will help the Parish Management Team to plan arrangements for Church Services while the work is being carried out.

Fr. Bill is also aware that we need a date for First Holy Communions in the Summer period. Saturday Vigil Mass has now moved to 6 pm for the summer period. This change will not always please everybody, but most people appreciate having a long Saturday afternoon. This the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also called Divine Mercy Sunday.

St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Marple Bridge is looking to appoint a permanent, part time Class Teacher from 1 September 2024. More details can be found on message board.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Second Sunday of Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 5: 1-6 John 20: 19-31

Here today in the Acts of the Apostles we have an extraordinary account of happenings in response to the Resurrection of Jesus, by the Community here In Jerusalem. It is hard to imagine that such great things could happen in our greedy world of today.

The second reading on this second Sunday of Easter is from the first letter of St. John, where we are reminded that by loving God we are keeping His Commandments to an extent we have moved beyond the sinfulness of this World, which prevents us in our love of God.

Today's Gospel is again from St. John, two encounters with disciples are described for us, showing the significance of Jesus' Resurrection for the disciples. This appearance to the disciples was in bodily form, and the disciples were not always sure how they should respond to his presence, or sighting by others, hence St. Thomas' experience of what happened to him.