

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**7th August 2022**  
**19th Sunday of the Year**



Online Donations

**First Reading: (Wisdom 18:6-9)**

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you

**Second Reading: (Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19)**

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God

**Gospel: (Luke 12:32-48)**

You too must stand ready

**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	7th August Frank, Ursula & McGill Family	Thursday	11th August NO MASS
9am	Parishioners		
Monday	8th August NO MASS	Friday	12th August NO MASS
Tuesday	9th August NO MASS	Saturday	13th August NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday	10th August NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil	14th August Special Intention (Abbott)
		9am	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	24 July : £273.97 31July : £245.23

**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

Fr. Bill is currently taking the first part of his "Summer Vacation" and combining it with attending to some long term outstanding family business. He will be back on duty on the 18th of August. Fr. Dermot Byrne MHM Missionaries will be supplying the weekend Masses this weekend August 6/7 and next weekend August 13/14 the great feast of the Assumption of the "Blessed Virgin Mary." Last weekend attendance figures were well down at all the Weekend Masses, as lots of our Parish Families have gone away for a well deserved vacation. The Summer Holidays is especially a time for families to renew their relationships and energy before the onset of a "New Academic Year." We wish all a great vacation and safe travel whether holidaying at home or abroad.

I spoke to the Painting Contractor who will begin decorating Holy Spirit in the Autumn and he will supply a number of "Colour Schemes" for the Parishioners consideration in the second half of August, as you can imagine most builders, decorators and others are totally taken up with School Repairs etc during the Summer Vacation. Robert Moss is also working on acquiring a "Defibrillator" thanks to the funds raised through our Quiz night last April. It will be installed in such a way that it will be able to be used by the "local community" if required. It is being purchased from the British Heart Foundation, thanks to all who supported the "Quiz Night" in April.

Chris Buxton, our "Senior Altar Server" is now recruiting those who made their "First Holy Communion" in May last, to give serving Mass a try, and if anyone who gives it a try finds it is not for them, they do not need to continue, so we invite our Holy Communion Candidates to have a think about Serving Mass, here at Holy Spirit. Fr. Bill would also like to thank Louise and Janice for their dedication to the Children's Sunday Morning Liturgy, it is greatly appreciated & valued by the children's families, and all who attend Sunday Morning Mass. The customary "Clergy Changes" that take place in most of our dioceses will affect St. Mary's, Marple Bridge, from this September. The Parish will say farewell to Fr. Daniel, who was "Parochial Administrator" for the past two years, we wish Fr. Daniel every blessing in his new appointment, elsewhere in the "Nottingham Diocese" and look forward to welcoming his successor. Fr. Kevin Gradwell who will be known to many of you, has now retired to an apartment at Marple Bridge, Fr. Kevin was originally from Marple, before he moved parish some years ago, we wish him well in his retirement.

Our Parish "Contactless Plate" is receiving a modest amount of use, and is clearly well worth the effort of setting it up, we are one of the nine parishes, who are part of the diocesan pilot project for these "Contactless Plates" and so far the project is clearly indicating that they will be the way forward for "Parishes" to collect their finance going forward, as cash is carried less and less by those attending church. Thanks to all who are using this method to donate.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS - 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first Reading from Wisdom reminds us that with the same power that God created the World, he also uses that same power to punish the unfaithful and wicked. Once we recognise God's calling then he enables us to become his people, by our showing of our trust and confidence in him.

The second reading from Hebrews this Sunday, speaks to us of the "Faith of Abraham" how his belief and trust in God enabled him to do things, beyond his wildest imaginings. We also by our trust and living belief in God, can reach that Heavenly City that is being prepared us, God invites our participation in the building of this Heavenly City.

Today's Gospel, again a continuation of the previous two Sunday's from St. Luke, is all about preparing for the judgement of that final day. Preparations have begun for us in the here and now, there needs to be a sense of urgency, the Kingdom is already here among us, we must ensure that by our life style and actions that we are reflecting its living presence here on Earth. Jesus, explains to his Disciples what preparing to receive the Kingdom looks like, those who have received the call to prepare, will definitely be held accountable, so now is the time to be involved, waiting is not an option.