

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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20th November 2022
 34th and last Sunday of the Year
FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Online Donations

First Reading: (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

They anointed David, king of Israel.

Second Reading: (Colossians 1:12-20)

He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

Gospel: (Luke 23:35-43)

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for November: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Sunday 4pm 9am	20th November Michael & Pauline Walton Ken Rain Parishioners	Thursday 10am	24th November HOLY SOULS
Monday	21st November NO MASS	Friday 10am	25th November Angela Burke
Tuesday	22nd November NO MASS	Saturday 10.30-11.30 Holy Hour & Confessions	26th November NO MASS until 4pm Vigil
Wednesday	23rd November NO MASS	Sunday 4pm Vigil 9am	27th November Jenny Love Pauline Magrath 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

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, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley, Isaac Iqba, David Froggatt, Pat Owen.

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

This Sunday is designated as "Safeguarding Sunday" it is a National initiative created by the Christian Charity 31:8 to be celebrated across all Churches. Holy Spirit and its sister parish St. Bernadette's, Brinnington, have a joint "Safeguarding Officer" namely Mrs. Helen Johnson, who is a member of St. Bernadette's, Parish. Parishioners from both Parishes along with Fr. Bill have the responsibility of ensuring that the highest of standards are upheld regarding the "Safeguarding of our Children, and any vulnerable Adults" that are part of either parish community. Helen, our "Safeguarding Officer" is part of the continuous diocesan training programme, which is overseen by Mr. Andrew O'Brien our "Diocesan Safeguarding Officer." If anyone has need to contact either of the Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding Officers, their details are on the Church Noticeboard in the foyer, and they will welcome your contact, and will deal with any queries with the utmost confidentiality. Amidst the ongoing revelations about the abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults, it is essential that as a parish and diocese we are 100% committed to the work of Safeguarding. Fr. Bill is also up to date with the latest "Safeguarding Regulations" as laid down by the "Conference of English and Welsh Bishops." Fr. Bill and Frank McChrystal on November the 9th attended a diocesan day of training on the subjects of Safeguarding and Health & Safety, which outlined all the requirements that a Parish needs to have in place, to comply with "Safeguarding and H&S Regulations. As Parishes go across the diocese, both Holy Spirit and St. Bernadette's measure up well to these "Safeguarding and H&S Regulations.

Louise and Janice, the leaders of our Children's liturgy, are now asking for the "Names" of any "Children" who would like to be a part of the "Christmas Morning Nativity Play," so "Children / Parents" speak with Louise / Janice. Thanks to the Children for a lovely "Service of Remembrance" last Sunday, it was much appreciated. The 9am Mass could do with more volunteers after Mass. There is no washing up involved as we are using cardboard cartons, so simple tidy up afterwards. It would also be nice to see as few more remaining behind for refreshments, this is how parishioners get to know one another.

We are collecting toys/ soft toys / books / coloured pencils & any other suitable toys, for the Wood Street Mission. NEXT - WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 26/27 is our closing date for all toys. We are also inviting Jars of Sweets, Bottles, Boxes of Chocolates for our "Weekend Tombola" on December 3/4 and December 10/11. There will also be the sale of WHITE & RED WINES after both Weekend Masses on December 11 — £5 per bottle, all monies raised going to the "Parish Development Fund."

Diocesan Collection, for the "Priest's Training Fund" will be on the Weekend of November 26 / 27. We will take up this Annual Diocesan Collection on the aforementioned dates. Responsibility for the training of our future priests now rests with the parishioners of each parish, when Fr. Bill was a clerical student, the family of the Cleric Student was responsible for their financing.

Sunday Refreshments after the 9:00am Mass could do with some Volunteers, there is no washing up involved, we are now using the "Cardboard Cartons" so simple tidy up afterwards. It would also be nice to see a few more remaining behind for "Refreshments" this is how Parishioners get to know each other. The Requiem Mass for Jeremiah Kelleher will be celebrated on the 28 November, here at Holy Spirit, at 12noon. May he rest in peace.

There will be an "Advent Retreat Day" on Saturday 26 November at St. Peter's Parish Centre, 16 Green Lane SK7 — 4EA. The day will begin at 9:30am with Mass at 12noon followed by Lunch time. The day will be given by Mary Harriman, and is entitled the "The Way To The Manger," bring your own packed lunch.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - THE FEAST OF CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING

In today's first reading from 2nd Samuel we have an account of how David became King of God's people. He is reminded that he is the chosen one of God, and even though his Kingship is of an earthly nature, yet he has God's blessing on his leadership. Jesus who will himself be called "King Most High" will come from David's line and lineage, but his Kingship will be heavenly rather than earthly.

Today's second reading is from Paul's letter to the Colossians, he is reminding all those who are listening, that God has now placed them in the new kingdom, a kingdom not made up of earthly things, but a kingdom of light and truth, resulting from the death of Jesus and his subsequent resurrection. In Christ Jesus we will find everything we need for our Salvation.

In this week's gospel passage from St. Luke, we find further surprises, the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, and the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. We are confronted with the greatest surprise of all, the Crucified Jesus, the inscription that is placed on his Cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief that was crucified by Jesus' side, recognises Jesus, as Messiah and King and he finds salvation. Jesus is King but not the kind of King we might have imagined, it takes now as it did then, the "Eyes of Faith" to recognise and believe in him.