

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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10th October 2021

28th Sunday of the Year

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

PRISONS WEEK 10th-16th October

First Reading: (Wisdom 7:7-11)

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing..

Second Reading : (Hebrews 4:12-13)

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel: (Mark 10:17-30)

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October: That every baptized person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Sunday 6pm Vigil 9am	10th October Therese Coup Parishioners	Thursday	14th October NO MASS
Monday	11th October NO MASS	Friday 10am	15th October Norah Crompton Anniversary
Tuesday 10am	12th October Special Inten., Kathleen Lockart	Saturday 6pm Vigil	16th October NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday	13th October NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil (Sat.) 9am	17th October Francesca Williams & Ivana Venzetto Parishioners

One decade of the Rosary after Mass	Begins again this week.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	Last Saturday of the month – 10.30am-11.30am After weekday Mass or by arrangement
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above
Collection	£244.13p

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, George Williams, Ruth Grace rosby, 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

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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On Monday last we celebrated the end of "The Season of Creation" with the meaningful Feast of "St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of Ecologists." During this month of October we will continue to pray through his intercession for the success of "Cop26" beginning on October 31st. in Glasgow. Locally there are many groupings praying for the success of Cop26. Here in Marple on Saturday October 23 there will be a period of Prayer in the precinct outside of Iceland, it would be good to see YOU there. The previous day Friday 22nd. October there will be an hour of Quiet Prayer here at Holy Spirit, again it would be good to see YOU there for all or part of the hour. This year's Autumn Cafod Family Fast Day, which was held on October 1st is closely aligned with Cop26, as there is an increasing number of requests to Cafod for aid, resulting from Climate Change. A big thank you to the many who already have made a donation to Cafod's Autumn Fast Day using the "Special Envelopes" there are still "Cafod Envelopes" available from the table in the Church Foyer and a Basket so that you can return your donation. Also Our Parish Cafod Group are aware that a number of people have set up "Regular Monthly Standing Order's" for the work of Cafod, and would like to thank them for their support. Starting this "Weekend, the Offertory Collection" will be taken up as it was prior to Covid, during the Offertory Hymn, and brought up with the "Offertory Gifts." Eucharistic Ministers will also begin assisting Fr. Bill at the "Weekend Masses" with the distribution of the "Body of Christ," for now the distribution of the "Precious Blood" is not permitted. Small steps such as those mentioned are a help to restoring the confidence of all of us, and as we journey into the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, the fervent hope is that we will be able to celebrate them in the way we did prior to Covid. It is so encouraging to have the Hymns and Music reinstated for the Sunday Vigil and Morning Masses, and to have the flowers back in Church, and our Scripture Readers, thanks to everyone concerned. Fr. Bill is also thankful for the continued support for both the "Weekly Offertory as well as the Monthly Development Fund" collections. He would like to encourage anyone who donates to these collections, not to forget "Gift Aid" if they are a Tax Payer." A separate "Gift Aid - Declaration" needs to be completed for your Offertory Donation as well as the Development Fund. All "Gift Aid" on the Offertory Collection is paid into the "Central Fund of the Parish, while "Gift Aid" on the Development Fund is paid directly back into the Parish Development Fund Account. The average monthly amount raised from the "Monthly Envelopes & Standing Orders is £500 + occasional donations. A big thank to all who are able to make a donation, there are Monthly Envelopes and Standing Order Forms still available for the Development Fund from the table in the Church Foyer. It was hoped that "Sunday Morning Refreshments" could be restarted at the beginning of October, but with Covid Statistics showing that the Marple Area is still high, we will leave it until after half-term in early November, at which time we hope to re-start also Children's Liturgy. Fr. Bill is available for Confessions before or after weekday or The Weekend Masses and anytime by appointment. If you need to contact Fr. Bill urgently you can contact him on / e/mail: / fitzgerald123@btinternet.com or Mobile: 07929 - 446490. Please also keep in mind that Fr. Bill is responsible for the administration of two Parishes, this means that Masses, funerals, baptisms, weddings, preparation for First Sacraments, along with many other duties involving Parish administration have all to be done on the double. He is also the Diocesan Trustee for St. Bernadette's Primary School, which involves a number of regular weekly as well as Monthly meetings. He is also available to conduct visits to St. Mary's, Marple Bridge, as well Harrytown High School, Romiley.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 28th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Sage responsible for this piece of the Book of Wisdom, is greatly influenced by the Jewish way of thinking and praying. After serious reflection on the Scriptures and "life experiences" he concludes that it is only through "Wisdom" is the World correctly led on the right path. Human Beings are to seek "Wisdom" above anything else, it is to the object of their "Prayer and Desires." Wisdom" will always be at the centre of a well lived life, it is a free Gift from God.

In the second reading from Hebrews, we have a Hymn of Praise for God's Spoken Word, one sure way of knowing the "Will of God" is through his Word." The Author of The Letter to the Hebrews, draws from Jeremiah, Chapter 31 which promises a "New Covenant." One important sign of this Covenant will be interior knowledge of what exactly is pleasing to God, which Jesus possessed in Abundance; he knew the Will, Mind, and Heart of the Father, through intimate communication with him. Jesus grew in awareness of God's Will not only for himself but also for the people that he was sent to serve, and so Jesus' response to God's Will was to live a life that was faithful to the Mission that he was sent to carry out.

In today's Gospel we are also asked to consider our response to the same question that the "Rich Man" faced, what would our response be?? - could we leave everything behind for the sake of the Gospel?

The "Opening Prayer" of today's Mass invites us to make God's love the foundation of our lives and the catalyst for loving others.