

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE**  
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**12th September 2021**  
**24th Sunday of the Year**  
**DAY OF PRAYER FOR EDUCATION**

**First Reading: (Isaiah 50:5-9)**

I offered my back to those who struck me.

**Second Reading : (James 2:14-18)**

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

**Gospel: (Mark 8:27-35)**

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously..

**Pope Francis's prayer intention for September: That we will make encourageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.**

Sunday 6pm Vigil  9am	12th September Golden Wedding (Hollingworth) Tony Hennessey Parishioners	Thursday 10am	16th September Lena Mulvaney
Monday	13th September NO MASS	Friday	17th September NO MASS
Tuesday	14th September NO MASS	Saturday  6pm Vigil	18th September NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday 10am	15th September Catherine Todkill	Sunday 6pm Vigil (Sat.)  9am	19th September Andrew Brown Gerard Morrissey  Parishioners

One decade of the Rosary after Mass	Suspended
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	£328.80p

**Those who are sick:**

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom, Malcolm Garrett, Libby Webb, Nina Noworyta, George 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

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 “Academic Year” 2021 / 22 has got off to a good start, it is lovely in the mornings to see the Children heading for school, after so much disruption last year due to Covid 19. This Sunday, the “Children’s Liturgy” recommences after a break of eighteen months, it is wonderful to be able to welcome back the Children and their Families, we especially welcome new families and their children. We remind all those families with children that are in “Year 4 Primary,” that their children will be potential candidates this year for “First Sacraments,” and so regular attendance at Sunday Mass will be expected. Fr. Bill hopes to celebrate “First Forgiveness” during early Advent, Parents watch this space for more information going forward.

For the time being at least we do not need a Counters’ Rota as the amount of Parishioners paying via “Standing Orders” means that the amount of Cash on the “Loose Plate” is much smaller than before and Mike Blundell is easily able to count it. Fr. Bill is also keen to re-launch the Parish SVP Conference which had just got off the ground prior to Covid, the re-launch meeting will be at 11:40am on Saturday morning September 25th after the monthly Holy Hour. It would be good if those who were involved prior to Covid could come along, and anyone else who would like to join the Conference, or just to find out more about the work that the SVP do. Organisers of the Cleaning and Flower Rota’s will invite those involved prior to Covid to resume their involvement in the near future, new volunteers are also welcomed, for Flower Rota see Margaret. Moss and Cleaners’ Rota see Pat McChrystal.

All Churches are currently enjoying the celebration of the “Season of Creation” which is being celebrated from September 1st. until October 4th the “Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.” This year, especially this links in with COP 26 a Special Climate Conference which is being held in Glasgow at the start of November, it also links into the “Autumn Cafod Family Fast Day” on Friday October 1st. The “Liturgy” of the Week - end of September 25 / 26 will be especially devoted to preparing for the Conference in Glasgow. The “Universe” our home is under threat from global warming, all must take steps in our own personal circumstances to remedy this issue. “Cafod Envelopes” for the Family Fast Day will be available in the near future, and families are invited if they wish to use one to make a donation, or may prefer to do so online. Cafod has experienced a lot of extra calls for help this past year, due to World Circumstances, remember that “Your Donation” however big or small makes a significant difference to somebody’s way of life.

It is nice to have our “Head Altar Server” Chris, back serving, he had much to do after the death of his close friend, Eric Barlow. This Weekend we reintroduce the parish “HYMN BOOKS” and next weekend the parish “MASS BOOKS.”

**CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Sue Hollingworth who are celebrating their Golden Wedding this weekend. Our love and prayers are with them.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS — 24th. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The backdrop for today’s first reading from Isaiah, is the exile. People still remain in the throes of Captivity but they reject the “Prophet’s” message of hope. The people are so doubtful of the future that Isaiah preaches about. Isaiah is insistent however that the restoration will be the final outcome, but the people are wearied from their waiting for the exile to end. The Prophet will not be thwarted from what he has come to do, he is absolutely certain that God will fulfil the promise that he has made, and that the people’s exile will end. Isaiah sees himself as “God’s Servant” and therefore remains calm and focused on the task he has received from God. In the second reading, St. James, tackles the relationship between “Faith and Good Works.” This issue was a very hot topic in the Early Church where “Christian Communities” were beginning to form and grow. There were many people in these “Christian Communities” who believed that strict adherence to the “Law” rather than “Faith” was the only “Means to Salvation.” as others believed that “Faith” was the only means, and that “Works” were secondary. St. James offers in today’s reading a practical example of “Faith, supported by Good Works” this is a practical way of helping the needy and poor. Words of encouragement that do not bring help to the needy or suffering are useless. This Sunday’s Gospel begins a new sequence, the disciples of Jesus, while confessing him as “Messiah” still have the idea of Jesus as an earthly ruler, thinking he might restore the earthly “Kingdom of David” It will clearly take time before they fully accept the concept of “Jesus as Messiah, Suffering Servant.” We will notice this understanding of Jesus as a possible earthly ruler prevailing later in Mark’s Gospel, when they vie for places at his side.

**THE SEASON OF CREATION:** During this Season of Creation, try to find time each day to stop, look, and enjoy the amazing diversity of God’s creation. “Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another” (Laudato Si).