

## HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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17th October 2021

29th Sunday of the Year

### First Reading: (Isaiah 53:10-11)

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.

### Second Reading : (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

### Gospel: (Mark 10:35-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

**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	17th October Francesca Williams and Ivana Venzetto Malcolm Garrett Parishioners	Thursday	21st October NO MASS
Monday	18th October NO MASS	Friday 10am	22nd October Francis & Mary McGill St.John Paul II
Tuesday	19th October NO MASS	Saturday  6pm Vigil	23rd October NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday 10am	20th October Margaret West	Sunday 6pm Vigil (Sat.)  9am	24th October Patricia McDonough Tom Davies  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	£308.36p

### 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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## SOCIAL

As I write this week's blog, the days are counting down to "Cop 26" which will start on November 1st. Friday 22nd of October there will be a "Holy Hour" here at Holy Spirit, so it would be good to have your support, 1pm to 2pm. The following day October 23rd there will be an opportunity to show your "Public Support" from 10:30am outside of Iceland there will be a gathering for those who wish to offer prayers for the success of "Cop 26," as well as hand out literature pertaining to "Cop 26."

Fr. Bill has had a chat with some of the Parents who will have children for the "First Sacraments" this School Year 2021 / 2022. This coming weekend Fr. Bill will make the "Registration Forms" available so that those who have Candidates can register. If any Families complete a Registration Form who are not regular Mass Goers, then they will be required to show their commitment over a number of months, by attending Sunday Mass before their registration will be accepted. The last "First Sacrament Group" set an extremely high standard, and the Family support given was terrific. Confirmations for St. Christopher's, Romiley, Holy Spirit and St. Bernadette's Parishes will be celebrated on Friday the 11th February 2022. The first four sessions of preparation will be on Monday Evenings, November 1st. / 8th. / 15th. / 22nd. Candidates are those Pupils in Years: 8/9/10/11, and above, speak with Fr. Bill if you are a Pupil in any of those years at any secondary school, and you wish to be prepared for Confirmation. Fr. Bill is available to celebrate the "Sacrament of Confession" before or after Weekday or Weekend Mass or anytime by making an arrangement, via the phone or e/mail. Baptisms & Weddings are likewise by prior appointment, do keep in mind that Fr. Bill is administering two parishes, so please keep that in mind when booking dates.

The latest changes to Covid regulations, which began last weekend, went well, taking up the Offertory Collection at the usual Place in the Mass prior to Covid, restored some normality, as did the second Minister distributing Holy Communion. We will hold on to the Sanitising of Hands, Face Masks, and the one meter social distance, families of course can sit together as they now are already doing. We hope to restart Children's Liturgy again after the "Half Term Break" in early November, we have had to halt it after one week due to a number of Children testing positive for Covid during the second half of September and October. Again Fr. Bill reminds you, if you have any symptoms of Covid do not attempt to attend Church, have a test and isolate until you get the result. It is hoped that we will be able to have a full programme of Advent / Christmas Activities, Carol Service, Sunday Christmas Market, Sung Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, Children's Christmas Day, Mass Liturgy.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS — 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading is part of the "Third Servant Song of Isaiah" Jesus the Servant of God, who by all appearances was reduced to nothing, was exalted and raised up by the Living God. Isaiah's suffering servant, Jesus was also vindicated. Today's passage from Isaiah ends on a note of peace and hope, helping us to understand the Theology of the Cross. The suffering of Jesus was vicarious, redemptive, it is for all people inclusively, Jesus the righteous sufferer, Jesus is finally vindicated. The Self-Sacrifice of the Suffering Servant resulted in the righteousness of the many. The concept of Jesus' sinlessness is best understood by reading the "Temptation Stories" in the Gospels. It is interesting to note that in each of the temptation stories, the "Theme is Jesus' role" in the fulfilment of all the promises made by Salvation History. Jesus was tempted to abandon all by the offers that were made to him, but he chose to remain faithful to his Father. In today's Gospel we have the "Disciples" yet again failing to understand the "Mission of Jesus" as they once again fight to be considered for a position of earthly power. Jesus once again explains that all "Authority in heaven and on earth is at God's discretion" he decides who will be the recipient of such gifts. There is an extraordinary irony in today's Gospel Story, while the disciples squabble about power, Jesus is speaking to them about his approaching "Passion and Death" without any support from his listening disciples.

**PREPARING FOR COP26:** Please pray for all those involved in the preparations for hosting this summit and in planning the meetings that will take place. May those formulating national policies make genuine and tangible commitments rather than vague promises of future action.