

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922

19th September 2021

25th Sunday of the Year

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

First Reading: (Wisdom 2:12,17-20)

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Second Reading : (James 3:16-4:3)

Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Gospel: (Mark 9:30-37)

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all..

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	19th September Andrew Brown Gerard Morrissey Parishioners	Thursday 10am	23rd September Filippo Ferrara Padre Pio
Monday	20th September NO MASS	Friday 10am	24th September Joseph Dwan & family Our Lady of Walsingham
Tuesday	21st September NO MASS	Saturday 6pm Vigil	25th September NO MASS until Vigil
Wednesday	22nd September NO MASS	Sunday 6pm Vigil (Sat.) 9am	26th September Michael Walton 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	£225.60p Standing Orders (August) £1145.37p

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

After the mini-heat wave of last week we are now heading into the Autumn, the Season of Creation as we have been reflecting on it since the beginning of September. What a beautiful Season, with nature presenting so many of its colours in the various plants and trees. With the COP 26 Conference starting in Glasgow on November 1st. this year the environment and the Universe our home will be central to the Conference Agenda. We know that Global warming is causing irreparable damage to the environment, we must find ways to stop this daily damage, before it is too late. Both our "Parish Masses" on this coming weekend will be devoted to praying for the success of the Conference COP26. The Autumn "Cafod Family Fast Day" is also tied in with COP 26 this year, it will take place on "Friday 1st. October. "Cafod Family Fast Envelopes" are available from the table in the Church Foyer, so we invite you to take an envelope, and if you can to make a donation to the necessary work of Cafod, it would be appreciated. Last weekend we returned to using Hymn Books and it was good to hear many voices singing once more.

This weekend we return to using the "Parish Mass Books" and this will be most helpful for those who wish to follow the "Scripture Readings" especially. Some parishioners have acquired their own "Sunday Missal" in due course when we come to refurbishing the inside of the Church, we will consider some screens where we can display the text of the Hymns and the Mass, this will remove the need for Hymn and Mass Books. A big thank you to our "Stewards" who continue to do a magnificent job of Stewarding as well as deep cleaning after the Weekday and Sunday Masses. On Sunday last it was great to see a return of the "Children's Liturgy" a big thank you to Louise and her team, for the restart, and to Dominic for the "Risk Assessment." Fr. Bill is also setting about a restart for the "Parish SVP Conference," it was in its infancy when Covid caused everything to be ceased. On Saturday September 25th at 11:40am. a meeting will be held for those who were already part of the new Conference, and Fr. Bill is also inviting new members. Anyone simply interested in finding out more do please come along, you don't need to commit, if it's not for you.

The parish of St. Christopher's Romiley, is preparing for an "Alpha Course" this is most suitable for anyone who has recently returned to Church, or anyone simply wishing to know more about the Faith. It will be conducted on line, so if you are interested, please make contact with Judith O Neill, judithone2@gmail.com A lot of parishes find Alpha a great source of renewal. Our Parish "Development Fund is creeping up towards the 30k mark, we need approx 40k in the fund to complete this first phase of refurbishment, namely a complete "New Entrance to the Church." Thank you to all who are continuing to contribute regularly by "Standing Order and Monthly Envelope" your help and support is greatly appreciated and valued.

The "Wellspring Annual Walk" has taken place this Saturday, it started here at Holy Spirit. If you would like to make a donation towards the "Walkers" who completed the walk you can do so on line at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/churchestogethermarple> Well done to all who took part in the walk.

SCRIPTURE READINGS — 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's first reading from the "Book of Wisdom" the Sage uncovers the sinister way the unrighteous try to make their case by citing their honourable intentions, while the fact is that their intentions are anything but honourable. This Scripture is a type of the future Christ, and a prophecy of his "Future Passion" falsely accused, by those who are professing to be the righteous ones. St. James reminds us of our need to pray and the power that prayer has. He insists the reasons we don't have what we need, is because we do not ask for it. Prayer is the way we learn the "Will of God" and conform our will to "God's Will. Prayer invites conversion and at the same time a transformed will. Today's is the second in a "Three Part Sequence" which begun last week. Today we have Jesus predicting his pending "Passion and Death, for the second time. He is also teaching his disciples about the meaning of "Servant." This teaching extends far beyond their current life and situation of the disciples, reaching out to the Universal Church. We are all "Servants of Christ and of His Household, " all are of equal value in this "Household." St Augustine, puts it nicely when he says, " if I am afraid of what I am for you, I am consoled by what you are for me."

CLIMATE EMERGENCY: Already 8.2 million square miles of Greenland's ice sheet have melted this year. "This is unprecedented" according to the National Snow and Ice Data Centre, University of Colorado. Millions of people living on low-lying islands and coastal areas are at serious risk of flooding.