

# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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28th February 2021

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

## First Reading: (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

## Second Reading : (Romans 8:31-34)

God did not spare his own Son.

## Gospel: (Mark 9:2-10)

This is my Son, the Beloved.

**Pope Francis's prayer intention for March: That we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.**

<b>Sunday</b> 4pm 6pm 9am	<b>28th February</b> Parishioners Cornelius & Margaret Lane Annie & John Conboy	<b>Thursday</b> 10.30am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b> Requiem Louis Daly Family only
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> NO MASS	<b>Friday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b> NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b> 10am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Thanksgiving (Lawton)	<b>Saturday</b> 10.30am-11.30am  Sunday Vigil 4pm Sunday Vigil 6pm	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> Exposition and Confessions  Special Inten, (Birch) Marie Hayes
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Joe Dwan and Dwan family	<b>Sunday</b> Mass 9am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b> Parishioners

<b>One decade of the Rosary</b>	<b>Suspended</b>
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	<b>Suspended</b>
<b>Adoration and Rosary</b>	
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>4pm</b>
<b>Baptism/Marriage</b>	By appointment
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	As announced or by appointment.
<b>Collection</b>	£222.05p (14 <sup>th</sup> February) £335.85p (21 <sup>st</sup> February)

**Please pray for Louis Daly, Marie Hayes and Maureen Cook who died recently. May they rest in peace.**

### 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, Fr. John Cairns, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr. Kevin Gradwell, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley.

.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

All of us by now are familiar with the details of the “Pathway” out of the present Covid 19 measures, as outlined on Monday last by the Prime Minister. I am firstly delighted for our Children who have been “Home Schooling” and their families. Those families have really missed school, and have especially come to value what our schools provide on a daily basis. The fact that all children from the “School Community” will be able to be in school once again, and resume a full “Programme of Education” will be a great boost to all Parents and Pupils. We need to support our “Teachers and Support Staff” between now and March 8th they will be extremely busy, ensuring that the “School Community” is fully ready and safe to receive full cohorts in every year group. The published “Pathway” will not initially have any great impact on the way we operate Security Measures in our Churches. If everything goes well with the “First Three Steps” we can envisage a loosening up with regard to “Social Distancing and other Measures” in our Churches, this however is a very long way off, so for now we must continue to sanitise those hands, wear those masks and continue to social distance. The “Steps” however are a tremendous boost for all of us, and give us new hope as we head towards Easter and beyond. As of now almost 17+ Million have received at least one JAB of the Covid 19 Vaccine, this gives us further hope going forward, of curtailing greatly Covid 19. We are now entering the Second Week of Lent, and along with our Daily Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ( Wednesday this coming Week) we also have Exposition on Saturday Mornings, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Stations of the Cross on Sundays at 4:00pm. As we get nearer “Easter” Fr. Bill will meet with the “Parish Management & Finance Team” to discuss the nature and extent of “The Holy Week Services” taking into account that we will still likely be adhering to the “Government's Covid 19 Measures.” We offer our Sympathies to the families of Marie Hayes and Louis Daly both of whom died at the end of last week, Louis Daly’s Requiem will be celebrated this coming Thursday March 4th here at Holy Spirit at 10:30am with Committal afterwards at the Cypress Chapel, Stockport Crematorium. Due to restricted numbers his funeral will be family only. May they rest in peace. Last weekend, Marian Thompson spoke about the “Cafod Lenten Project” and on Friday last “Family Fast Day,” attached to the Newsletter last weekend there were details of how to go about making a donation to the Project. Thank you in advance to all those who will be able to support this years “Lenten Cafod Project.”

**SPUC:** We have received a thank you from The Society for the Protection of Unborn children for the donation of £193.50p from our parish. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021** prepared by the women of Vanuatu – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. No local services this year but service leaflets are at the back of church. Please take them for yourselves and others not getting to church. There is an online Service to view on the home page of the website <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

In the reading from Genesis this Sunday we experience God's testing of an individual, the only time in Scripture that God does this, at all other times it's the “Chosen People” of Israel that are tested. Abraham, as the future leader of Israel must entrust his entire life and future to God. The reader of the Story is aware from the beginning that God is testing Abraham, but Abraham is not. Isaac was not Abraham's only Son, but favoured Son. God makes sure that in his dialogue the weight of “Isaac’s Value” to Abraham is emphasised. St. Paul says in today’s second reading to the Romans, that our salvation is assured through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We can do no less than pay attention to our responsibility as Children of God. If we do so God's word and action is operative within us, so long as we live in Faith, Hope, and Gods incredible love. Today’s Gospel recounts the event of Jesus’ transfiguration and the reminder of what it means to be a Disciple. The “True Disciple” yields to God's Sovereign will for their lives similar to what Abraham did, putting complete trust in the Lord. Abrahams adherence to God's invitation is a reminder for believers of all generations, that each person is called by God and has a specific role in history’s continuous drama.