

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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4th April 2021

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

First Reading: (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Second Reading : (Colossians 3:1-4)

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Gospel: (John 20:1-9)

He must rise from the dead.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for April: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships. Authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crises.

Saturday VIGIL 7pm	4th April EASTER SUNDAY Fr.James Gaskell Fr.Joseph Prendiville Fr.Michael Dyson	Thursday 10am	8th April Eunice Nield
Sunday 8.30am 10.15am	Parishioners Families of the Parish		
Monday	5th April NO MASS	Friday	9th April NO MASS
Tuesday	6th April NO MASS	Saturday Vigil 4pm Vigil 6pm	10th April Mary & Frank McGill Pauline & Michael Walton
Wednesday	7th April NO MASS	SUNDAY 9am	11th April Parishioners
One decade of the Rosary		Suspended	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary		Saturday 10.30am-11.30am (and Confessions) Suspended	
Baptism/Marriage		By appointment	
Sacrament of Reconciliation		Saturday 10.30am-11.30am	
Collection			

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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This Easter Weekend we share the joy and hope of Jesus' Resurrection, we are filled with expectancy for the future, like those who experienced the "First Resurrection." Fr. Bill wishes everyone a blessed Easter, May your homes and families radiate "Easter Joy and Hope." For our Holy Week Ceremonies and Easter Masses, considering Covid restraints on attendances, we filled all available places, and I am sorry if anyone was not able to attend due to lack of spaces. The comments from those who were able to attend the "Ceremonies and Masses" were those of gratitude, that this year we were able to have a real Easter. Fr. Bill and Parishioners are also mindful of Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit who were not able to get to the Ceremonies and Masses; in the near future we hope that you will be able to rejoin us again, in the meantime we have remembered and prayed for you at the "Holy Week and Easter Masses." In our Sister Parish of St. Bernadette's, Brinnington, we are sad to announce the unexpected death last Tuesday of Sr. Gertrude, who along with other Sisters of the Evron Congregation had "Pastoral Care" of St. Bernadette's Parish for over twenty years until Fr. Bill was appointed Parish Priest 2017. Sr. Gertrude's death is a sad loss for her Congregation the "Evron Sisters", as well as for St. Bernadette's Parish. May She Rest In Peace. Her Requiem will be on Friday April 9th. at 10:30am. at St. Bernadette's, the Celebrant will be Fr. John Hovington, who worked with Sr. Gertrude organising Flame Pilgrimages to Lourdes over many years. Our Family Mass on Easter Morning was very special this year the Children got all dressed in their "Easter Bonnets" thanks to the organisation of Louise Perry behind the scenes. Hopefully as "The Pathway" opens up some more as we go forward, we will be able to do more with our "Sunday Morning - Family Mass." The next week is holiday time for most Children, so we hope families will be able to go further afield; after such a long enforced lockdown, it is vital we now take advantage of the open spaces and fresh air. Thank you to all who have made an "Easter Offering" in support of your Parish Priest, still some "Special Easter Envelopes" available if you wish to do so. Fr. Bill is thankful for the Easter Greetings received, and is hopeful of resuming his weekly game of golf this coming week. After "Easter Sunday Masses" there will be no further Masses until EASTER THURSDAY APRIL 8th. This is to ensure that our Stewards and Clergy have a few days deserved rest. Fr. Bill would like to end this week's Newsletter by sincerely thanking "OUR PARISH STEWARDS"; since the beginning of Lent especially, the workload has been relentless, Requiem Masses / Funeral Services, all in addition to our regular Weekly Masses and Lenten Services, and all done with a smile. A big thank you also to Fr. Ian for celebrating and sharing the Lenten and Easter Services, it's been a great support

SCRIPTURE READINGS EASTER SUNDAY 2021

The Easter Vigil sets out for the universal Church in Sign, Symbol, Word and gesture the heart of our "Catholic Christian Faith". All our teachings, beliefs, traditions in some way are rooted in the great events we celebrate at the "Easter Vigil." This Easter Vigil we are limited in our use of the Scriptures, but our opening "Old Testament Reading" from Exodus recounts the "Exodus Journey out of Egypt." In our second OT reading for the Vigil taken from Ezekiel, God reminds the prophet that the chosen people have forgotten him, and he punished them with the exile. Only God can forgive them, and bring them out of exile. The Epistle Reading, from Paul's letter to the Romans prepares us for the "Renewal of our Baptismal Vows." We regularly need to be reminded that we are redeemed from our sins through our Baptism. Mark's Gospel from which we read had up to now placed the women in Jesus life as mere onlookers, yet now it is them who discover the "Empty Tomb" and learn of his resurrection. In the readings of Easter Day we have our eyes further opened to the "Events of the Resurrection" Jesus was not an ordinary human being, he was also the Son of God come down to Earth to complete God's plan of Salvation for all believers. It is easy to become a believer with hindsight, not so easy to believe or have "Faith" when we are in difficulty.

"WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS" from Easter up to Pentecost are on sale in the Church Foyer, priced £1. Please consider purchasing one to help you prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Money can be left in the basket provided.

EASTER OFFERINGS FOR THE CLERGY: Special envelopes are still available in the Foyer.

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL