

## Holy Spirit Parish History/Events

The primary source of information is the collection of old newsletters from St Marys and Holy Spirit

### St Marys Marple Bridge

- 1960 Overflow masses started in Liberal Club by Fr Klee
- 10 Apr 1964 Bingo started at Liberal Club for school bus and rental of Compstall School
- 28 Jun 1964 Youth Club started at St Mary's
- 05 Jly 1964 Secondary Education in area being discussed between D of Shrewsbury & Min of Education
- 20 Sep 1964 100<sup>th</sup> issue of St Mary's Newsletter
- 05 Oct 1964 New PP Fr James Kearns replacing Fr Klee
- 25 Oct 1964 Cremation permitted but no service at the crematorium
- 29 Nov 1964 Introduction of English into the Liturgy – omission of last gospel etc
- 11 Apr 1965 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of liturgy reform – Only Canon/Preface/Blessing in Latin
- 20 Jun 1965 Outing to Alton Towers
- 11 Jly 1965 Bidding prayers introduced
- 12 Aug 1965 Permission granted for communion under both kinds
- 05 Sep 1965 Fr McGhie joins parish
- 06 Sep 1965 New primary school (St Christopher's) at Romiley  
St Mary's no longer require the Compstall annex
- 11 Oct 1965 Marple children now admitted to St Philip Howard's Glossop (instead of St P & P Duckinfield)
- 09 Nov 1965 Formation of Sandwich Club (meetings in pub with Speaker)
- 28 Nov 1965 Min of Ed & Sc : St Mary's new school not included in revised building program for 1966/67
- 22 May 1966 Fr Finneron made Parish Priest– Assistant Fr McGhie
- 05 Jun 1966 Instruction from Rome – All weekday masses to be in Latin
- 26 Jun 1966 Fr Finneran of Marple Bridge visits Marple to discuss new church
- mass currently in Liberal Club
  - Marple population about 2000
  - possibility of school in Marple discussed
- 07 May 1967 Fr Gerard Kelly replaces Fr Finneran as Parish Priest
- 21 May 1967 Fr McGhie replaced by Fr de Ville at St Mary's  
Negotiations in hand for purchase of land in Marple

### Holy Spirit Marple

- 06 Oct 1967 Purchase of 50 The Turnpike
- 14 Dec 1967 Fr James Gaskell arrives to start Holy Spirit Parish  
- resident at 50 The Turnpike – foundation date
- 16 Dec 1967 1<sup>st</sup> mass at The Turnpike

- 29 Dec 1967 1<sup>st</sup> collection - £48
- 31 Dec 1967 Friday abstinence obligation removed
- 07 Jan 1968 Catholics now able to accept full membership of  
Councils of Churches  
Converts not required to be re-baptised
- 14 Jan 1968 Sunday Mass at Old Folks Hall – 9.30 & 11.00am  
Sunday 1800 Mass continues at Liberal Club
- 17 Mar 1968 Confessions at The Turnpike Sat 6-7pm
- 24 Mar 1968 Men's Guild now of St Mary's & Holy Spirit
- 28 Apr 1968 Only 2 Sunday Masses at St Mary's – 8.30 & 10.54
- 05 May 1968 Holy Spirit Newsletter
- 13 Jun 1968 Corpus Christi – mass in garden at 50 The Turnpike
- 16 Jun 1968 Chairman's Sunday for Mr E Sandal Marple UDC
- 30 Jun 1968 Outing to Southport for Altar Servers (St Mary's &  
Holy Spirit)
- 28 Jly 1968 Last mass at Liberal club
- 04 Aug 1968 Sunday Masses in Old Folks Hall now 0930, 1100 &  
1800  
Go ahead for new primary school in Marple Bridge
- 01 Sep 1968 Choice of 4 Eucharistic Prayers at Mass  
Sunday Evening Service restarted at St Mary's
- 09 Oct 1968 Fr J Sullivan is new Parish priest of St Mary's  
Fr Lally leaves for St Peter's Leicester
- 10 Nov 1968 Joint Christmas Fayre
- 24 Jan 1969 Purchase of land (Council & Diocese) £5469
- Apr 1971 Building of new church started (Architect F Stott –  
Northern Plan Group)
- 23 Aug 1971 Fr Gaskell+15 parishioners to Lourdes (to 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)
- Jan 1972 Mass at Old Folks Hall Marple (Attendance 500)
- 07 Mar 1972 Estimated final cost £47,778
- 18 Mar 1972 Fr Gaskell moves to new presbytery
- 30 Mar 1972 1<sup>st</sup> mass in new church (Maunday Thursday)
- Jun 1972 50 The Turnpike sold (£7500)
- 30 Mar 1973 Church dedicated ?
- 03 Apr 1973 1<sup>st</sup> visit by Bishop Grasar – few parishioners present
- May 1973 Paul Hickey elected Chairman of Marple Council
- 03 Jun 1973 Civic Mass – Chairman's Sunday
- 10 Jun 1973 Bishop Brewer at HS for Confirmation
- 01 Jly 1973 409 adults/242 children at Mass Collection £81
- 16 Dec 1973 New Year Dance cancelled because of emergency  
(power cuts)
- 16 Jan 1974 1<sup>st</sup> House Mass at Peter Elliot's
- 20 Jan 1974 Fr Gaskell inducted as Chairman of Marple & District  
Council of Churches
- 27 Mar 1974 Social committee : dancing classes start at church  
-> 1976
- 25 May 1974 Parish Day Out to LLandudno
- 15 Sep 1974 Waste paper collection organized -> Oct 1975
- 31 Mar 1974 Marple Urban District Council ceases to exist
- 01 Sep 1974 Parish trip to Knowesley
- 06 Oct 1974 Discussion at Romiley – The Christian at Work

- 21 Jun 1975 Parish outing to Colwyn Bay
- 12 Jly 1975 Fr Gaskell died (heart attack)
- 27 Jly 1975 Memorial to Fr Gaskell mentioned in newsletter
- Aug 1975 New Parish Priest - Fr James Robinson  
Fr Robinson & John Brown visit John Blakeley (sculptor)  
re Stations of the Cross
- 14 Dec 1975 Blessing by Bishop Grasar of Stations of the Cross
- 11 Jan 1976 Folk Group starts
- 13 Feb 1976 Junior Youth Club starts. Senior continues
- 22 Mar 1976 Albert McDermott dies (Benefactor – meeting room)
- 31 Oct 1976 Coffee after 11am mass – parish welfare
- 1976 Meeting room built
- 07 Sep 1977 Wednesday dancing classes restart
- 17 Nov 1977 Parish Meeting (~40) – Parish Council mooted
- 10 Dec 1977 Annual Parish dance
- 29 Mar 1978 American Auction at HS (£80 profit)
- 18 Jun 1978 Hymn books in use for first time
- 26 Aug 1978 New Pope - John Paul 1 (died 29/9/78)
- 10 Sep 1978 Coach trip to Liverpool Cathedral (full bus)
- 29 Sep 1978 Pope John Paul died
- 29 Sep 1978 American Auction at HS
- 18 Nov 1978 HS Hoe Down
- 07 Jan 1979 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday mass now 9.00am
- 14 Jun 1979 Hoe Down – new amplifier system ready
- 23 Sep 1979 Meeting to discuss setting up SVP in parish
- 22 Nov 1979 Parish meeting
- 02 Dec 1979 Suggestion of Parish Committee mooted
- 14 Jly 1980 HS Hoe Down
- 15 Nov 1980 HS Hoe Down
- Jan 1981 Discussion on church extension
- 15 Jan 1980 Meeting to discuss setting up Parish Committee
- 25 Feb 1980 Full Parish meeting to discuss Parish Committee
- 15 Jun 1980 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Parish Committee
- 01 Jly 1980 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Meeting of Parish Committee.  
Discussed: Formation of Liturgy Group/  
Public Address System
- 28 Jly 1980 Stones cleared from rear land of church in prep'n for  
harrowing/grading/seeding by Giblin Bros
- 29 Jly 1980 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Parish Committee. Meeting Room  
extension discussed with architect Frank Stott
- 26 Oct 1980 Opportunity to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> hand pipe organ
- 15 Nov 1980 Hoe Down
- 30 Nov 1980 Appeal by Columban Fathers
- 24 Aug 1980 Bishop Gray replaces Bishop Grasar
- 08 Mar 1981 House visits for Planned Giving Campaign
- 22 Mar 1981 Small chamber organ lent by George Sixsmith  
Aquinas College now 6<sup>th</sup> Form College (age 16-19)
- 20 Oct 1981 Full Parish Meeting
- 29 Nov 1981 Start of Parish Mission by Redemptorist Fathers
- 24 Jan 1982 Induction of Keith Boothroyd as Chairman of Council  
of Churches in Methodist Church

21 Mar 1982 New organ in Holy Spirit (Sixsmith)  
 31 May 1982 Pope John Paul 11 at Heaton Park  
 02 Jun 1982 Celebration for Youth in Cardiff  
 15 Jun 1982 Dedication of extension & organ by Bishop Gray  
 01 Aug 1982 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Committee Elections  
 19 Oct 1982 Annual Parish Meeting  
 12 Dec 1982 1<sup>st</sup> preparations for Eucharistic Ministers  
 25 Sep 1983 Thank-you letter & photos from Fr Cullen  
 20 May 1984 Rota of volunteer Apparitors published  
 05 Jun 1984 Farewell get-together for Fr Robinson  
 10 Jun 1984 Fr Robinson leaves HS/Fr Prendiville arrives at HS  
 21 Jun 1984 Presentation Evening for Fr Robinson  
 23 Jun 1984 Coach to Liverpool International Garden Festival  
 30 Jun 1984 HS Barbeque  
 20 Nov 1984 Annual Parish Meeting  
 25 Nov 1984 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Committee elections  
 8 Dec 1984 HS Hot Pot Supper  
 29 Jun 1985 HS Barbeque  
 6 Dec 1986 HS Hot Pot Supper  
 Apr 1987 Mission at HS  
 5 Dec 1987 HS Hot Pot Supper  
 12 Jun 1988 HS Treasure Hunt  
 Oct 1988 Groups - Flower Arrangers & God's Bodkins started  
 3 Dec 1988 HS Hot Pot Supper  
 22 Jan 1989 Council of Churches service at HS –  
 Fr Prendiville chairman  
 24 Jun 1989 HS BBQ  
 8 Dec 1990 HS Hot Pot  
 26 Jly 1992 Fr Prediville 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
 12 Dec 1992 Do at Marple Bridge - No Notes 1<sup>st</sup> public  
 appearance  
 27 Jun 1993 HS Silver Jubilee Celebration Concert  
 10 Oct 1995 Parish Committee Elections  
 6 Mar 1996 4 Lent Talks by Fr Strange/Harry Stratton  
 8 Mar 1996 Ceilidh in Harrytown  
 04 Aug 1996 Request for memorabilia on St Mary's/Holy Spirit  
 13 Oct 1996 HS Parish Day  
 26 Nov 1996 Liturgy Group started  
 Jan 1997 HS Parish Magazine started - 'Spirit of Marple'  
 18 Jan 1997 HS Line Dancing  
 7 Mar 1997 HS - Fr Prendiville 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party  
 14 Mar 1997 Ceilidh at Harrytown  
 Apr 1997 New Organist - Tony Walker  
 12 Jly 1997 HS - visit to Liverpool (Cathedral, Albert Dock etc)  
 4 Oct 1997 HS Dance (band)  
 7 Dec 1997 Bible Society Annual Service at HS  
 21 Feb 1998 HS - Rambling Group Hoe Down  
 16 Mar 1998 HS - Irish Evening (Ladies Group)  
 7 Nov 1998 Fr Prendiville died (stroke)  
 6 Dec 1998 Fr Michael Dyson at HS  
 Fr Michael Smith at HS

31	Dec 1998	NYE Do at H & T – Fr Michael Smith
18	Jun 1999	Marple Band & Kay Jordan (Soprano) at HS
4	Jly 1999	HS Party for Fr Michael Smith Silver Jubilee
1	Sep 1999	Fr Michael Smith leaves HS
6	Sep 1999	HS Mass for Fr Cullen Jubilee
	Sep 1999	New Parish Priest - Fr Michael Dyson from Church Stretton
25	Sep 1999	Hoe Down at Marple Bridge
	1999	Mass attendance 433
7	Feb 2000	Talk on Turin Shroud at HS
7	May 2000	Alpha Course at HS
13	May 2000	Hoe Down at HS
30	Jun 2000	Marple Band concert at HS
23	Sep 2000	Harvest Supper (hot pot) at HS - Hazel Grove Band
9	Jan 2001	Bible Study meetings
13	Jan 2001	Hoe Down
2	Mar 2001	Supper Dance at HS (Marple Bridge)
23	Jun 2001	Amnesty International concert at HS
22	Sep 2001	Promises Auction at HS
29	Oct 2001	Mass and food for Fr Cullen Evening
6	Jly 2002	Stuart Adlington's Ordination as Deacon at Shrewsbury Cathedral
7	Jly 2002	Party for Stuart Adlington at HS
26	Oct 2002	Hoe Down at HS
26	Nov 2002	New Liturgy Group run by Stuart Adlington
28	Feb 2003	Race Night at HS (Marple Bridge)
13	Mar 2003	CAFÉ sessions to 22/5/03
13	Jly 2003	Fun Day at HS
18	Oct 2003	Promises Auction at HS
27	Feb 2004	HS Men's Meal at Marple Golf Club
18	Dec 2004	HS Children's Party
16	Jan 2005	Marian Thompson induction – chair of Marple Council of Churches
20	Apr 2005	New Pope – Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI
15	May 2005	Albert's (Fr Dyson's dog) 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Party
	Sep 2005	New Parish Priest Fr Marianus Kullu
27	Jan 2006	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club - No1
23	Jun 2006	Amnesty Concert at HS
9	Jly 2006	Family Picnic at Tittesworth
20	Nov 2006	1 <sup>st</sup> CITS meeting
26	Jan 2007	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club – No2
5	Feb 2007	1 <sup>st</sup> Mens's get-together – Rock Tavern
25	Jan 2008	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club – No3
7	Jul 2008	HS Website – <a href="http://www.holyspiritmarple.org">www.holyspiritmarple.org</a>
29	Jly 2008	Fr Marianus to Lourdes for 1 week
30	Jan 2009	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club (80) – No4
	Mar 2009	Building work above altar (8 wks)
31	Jly 2009	Deacon Stuart moves to Burton Lazars
22	Jan 2010	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club – 71 total – No5
16	Sep 2010	Margaret Ferguson (soprano) at H S
09	Oct 2010	Bishop Mark Visitation
21	Jan 2011	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club – 70 total – No6

Mar 2011	Side wall raised (Derek Copain)
05 May 2011	Fruit Salad (Flute Concert) at H S
21 Sep 2011	Margaret Ferguson (soprano) at H S
05 Oct 2011	Parish Meeting
Dec 2011	Carol Concert at HS
28 Jan 2012	Parish Dinner at Marple Golf Club – No7
23 Jly 2012	Julia Goodsir (Gt niece of Fr Gaskell) visits parish
21 Sep 2012	Concert at HS by Northern Chamber Orchestra
09 Nov 2012	Concert at HS by Sheffield Orchestra
01 Dec 2012	Christmas Fair
08 Jan 2013	Roof repairs – David Acton
04 Feb 2013	Fr Marianus to India for 5 weeks
13 Mar 2013	New Pope – Jorge Bergoglio – Pope Francis
19 Apr 2013	Quiz Night
21 Apr 2013	Floor of church wax polished
23 Nov 2013	Christmas Fair
19 Jan 2014	Churches Together Service at Holy Spirit
26 Sep 2014	Ceilidh
29 Nov 2014	Winter Fair
10 Dec 2014	Men's Christmas Dinner – Hare & Hounds
07 Jan 2015	Fr Isidore to 2/3/15.
25 Feb 2015	Men's lunch at Spread Eagle
15 Sep 2015	Fr Marianus to Italy for 1 week