

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Marple



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2nd Week Of Lent

Online Donations

A/C details:

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Sunday Vigil 4pm	1st March VIGIL MASS Intention: Fr John McElhone	Thursday 10am	5th March Priest Intention
9am	MORNING MASS Intention: For the parish	6pm	Exposition, Holy Hour
4pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
Monday 10am	2nd March Priest Intention	Friday 10am	6th March Priest Intention
Tuesday	3rd March No Mass	Saturday 4pm	7th March VIGIL MASS Private Intention
Wednesday 10am	4th March Priest Intention	Sunday 9am	8th March MORNING MASS Intention: For the Parish

Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As above

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, Isaac Iqba, Stuart Madden, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Jarek Tomaszewski, Kathleen Williams, Mary Gilbody, Sharon Rodgers, Sarah Callan, Margaret Redman, Bill & Penny Bowker, John Farrell.

Marian Lamp: This Week the Marian Lamp is lit for **Thomas Harrison.**

A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Stephen. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No.234025

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Fr. Stephen Writes

This week the gospel shows the Transfiguration, it reveals Jesus' divine glory to Peter, James, and John, validating His identity as the Beloved Son. It signifies Jesus' supremacy over the Old Law preparing the disciples for the cross.

Lent draws us into 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving meant for spiritual renewal and reflection. Joel 2:12 "Return to me with all your heart" The Lord only wants our hearts, nothing else.... let us all let the Lord enter with his love growing deeper with a personal relationship with him.

Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."

Tobit 12:8 "Prayer is good when accompanied by fasting, almsgiving."

Matthew 6:6" But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father."

John 4:23-24 "In the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Scripture Readings

Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9 Page 128

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal February 28th- March 1st

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Church Cleaning

Would the church cleaners please collect a copy of the new Rota from the back of church.

Lost & Found

A ring has been found in the church for further information please contact Janice on 07792 805178

Churches Together

Friday March 6th World Day of Prayer service on the theme 'I will give you rest -Come' prepared this year by women of Nigeria. 2 pm at St Martin's Church Brabyns Brow Everyone welcome.

Saturday March 7th Big Brew Fairtrade Coffee morning 10.30 - 12.30 Marple URC Hibbert Lane.

Tuesday 10th March Movement and Mindfulness at the Ridge Methodist at 11 am.

JOIN US at FOOTSTEPS on THURSDAY 19 MARCH AT 7.30pm

We welcome **Mary Hardiman** to share her thoughts on "The Cross before the Crown" - a presentation where she will be asking whether we are Good Friday people or Easter Sunday people. Mary is a counsellor, teacher, author and local lady, who is a speaker par excellence.

All are welcome to come to our informal, friendly event in a café-style setting in the parish centre of **St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** where we serve light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour. Footsteps provides a forum where we can listen to and reflect on various topics as we journey in our Christian faith. We hope to see you there.