

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Marple



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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday Vigil 6pm	6th September VIGIL MASS Intention: For the Parish	Thursday 10am	10th September Priest Intention
9am	MORNING MASS Intention: Stephen Wilkinson	6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 10am	7th September Special Intention	Friday 10am	11th September Priest intention
Tuesday	8th September No Mass	Saturday 6pm	12th September VIGIL MASS Intention: Mary Abbott RIP
Wednesday 10am	9th September Priest Intention	Sunday 9am	13th September 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, Mary Gilbody, Sharon Rodgers, Sarah Callan, Margaret Redman, Penny Bowker, John Farrell, Vincent Taylor.

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

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

I hope that everyone had a pleasant and restful summer break. As we return to our parish life and look towards the seasons ahead, we give thanks to God for the blessings and opportunities that will come our way. The changing of the seasons is a gentle reminder of the passage of time and of the constant presence of God in our lives. As we move from the warmth and brightness of summer into the autumn months, we are invited to reflect, renew our faith, and place our trust once again in God's loving providence.

This week the Gospel shares a beautiful promise: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." These words remind us that Christ is truly present in the midst of his people. He is with us when we gather for the Holy Mass, when we pray together, when we care for those in need, and when we come together as a parish. May we never underestimate the power of prayer offered together in faith. Let us remember when we gather in Christ's name, we are never alone. The Lord is in our midst, guiding us, strengthening us and calling us to become witnesses of His love.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12. Prayer is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. We place our hope in His loving hands. Sometimes we may pray for something and wonder why God has not answered. Yet God hears every prayer. His answer may not come in the way or at the time we expect, but we can trust that He never abandons us. Christian hope is more than simply wishing for things to improve. It is the confidence that God is with us. Through prayer, we learn to allow the grace of God and his peace to enter our hearts.

Our Lady Mary gives us a beautiful example of trusting the Lord. She did not know everything that lay ahead, but she trusted God's plan and said, "Let it be done according to your word." Luke 1:38. May our prayers also be intrusted with her powerful intercession.

Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 Page 396

Churches Together

Invitation for early risers to come to pray on Wednesday mornings 7 - 8 am at Connect in Queen Street Marple. Also see the August link magazine:
www.churchestogethermarplearea.org.uk

September Saturday 19th St Martin's Heritage Trust 2:30 - 4 pm.

September 19th Afternoon Tea at the Ridge Methodist 1- 3 pm in aid of Action for Children.

October Saturday 10th Churches Together Wellspring Walk starts 10 am at Holy Spirit Church

October Saturday 17th Fairtrade Coffee Morning 10 - 12 Marple URC.

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Laudate Si Centre Thursday 24th September

A visit to the Laudate Si Centre limited to 20 people if anyone is interested, please sign the sheet at the back of the church, for more information, please speak to Elizabeth Foster.

Informal Afternoon of Words & Music At Holy Spirt Marple 2pm Sunday 4th. October

In aid of the humanitarian Doctors without frontiers.

Church Cleaning

The new cleaning rota is available for collection at the back of church. We need more volunteers - please contact Frank McChrystal (0161 449 8114) if you can help.