

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Marple



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 4th Week Of Lent

Online Donations

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Sunday Vigil 4pm	15th March VIGIL MASS Intention: Private Intention	Thursday 10am	19th March Priest Intention
9am	MORNING MASS Intention: For the parish	 6pm	 Exposition, Holy Hour
Monday 10am	16th March Special Intention	Friday 10am	20th March Priest Intention
Tuesday	17th March No Mass	Saturday 4pm	21st March VIGIL MASS Intention: For the Parish
Wednesday 10am	18th March Priest Intention	Sunday 9am	22nd 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 **Steven Foster**.

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 in the gospel it tells us about the healing of the man born blind, it points to Jesus as the "Light of the World." May all of us be drawn more deeper in prayer each day with the Lord. As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday a Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, we also turn to Our Blessed Mother Mary asking for her powerful intercession.

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

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Page 138

Choir

Final choir practice on March 19th at 7.15pm

Easter Lilies

If you would like to commemorate someone this Easter please pay for a lily. It's £3 per name. Please leave your donation in an envelope with the name/s of those you wish to commemorate in Margaret Moss' pigeonhole.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal

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.

Biblical Sonatas.

At 3.30 pm Sat. 21st March Tony will play extracts from this rarely performed sacred keyboard music of 1700 by the German composer Johannes Kuhnau, portraying scenes from the Old Testament.

Churches Together

Saturday March 21st We shall be in Marple Precinct between 10 am and 12 noon giving out palm crosses and leaflets with details of the Holy Week and Easter services in all our churches.

If you can spare a few minutes to help you will be very welcome. Find us outside Peacocks.

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.