

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Marple



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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Sunday Vigil 6pm	13th September VIGIL MASS Intention: Mary Abbott RIP	Thursday 10am	17th September Intention: Stephen Wilkinson
9am	MORNING MASS Intention: For the parish	6pm	Holy Hour
Monday 10am	14th September Intention: Kathleen Williams	Friday 10am	18th September Priest intention
Tuesday	15th September No Mass	Saturday 6pm	19th September VIGIL MASS Intention: Grace Birch
Wednesday 10am	16th September Priest Intention	Sunday 9am	20th 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 **World Peace**.

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 tells us, “Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” Matthew 18:33 Jesus tells the story of a servant who was forgiven an enormous debt. His master showed him compassion and mercy, yet when someone owed him a much smaller amount, he became harsh, demanding, negative, and unkind. A hardened heart can affect us too. We may become quick to criticise, slow to encourage, unfriendly toward those around us. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.” Galatians 5:22. What is inside our hearts eventually becomes visible through our words, attitudes, and actions. The way we treat others reveals if the heart is hardened or not. May God keep our hearts soft ready to encourage, welcome, and show kindness to all we encounter. There is a difference between having a religious life and having a real relationship with God. Religion can teach us what to do, but relationship with God leads to the spiritual way of life.

We can know the responses to the mass, attend church, worship, but religiosity is not the same as a real relationship with God in the life of spirituality. A relationship with God means that we desire to know Him, spend time with Him in prayer, and to allow his grace to work on us, by trying to build his kingdom with love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. **Matthew 7:21-23** is a clear example of religiosity it reminds us that simply calling Jesus “Lord” is not enough. Jesus said, “I never knew you depart from me.” These words shows us what matters is not merely what we say or what we do, but whether we truly know the Lord and have an ongoing relationship with him daily in prayer. God wants more than our religious routine. He wants a relationship with our heart.

Scripture Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 Page 400

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. Please assemble in the front car park by 9:10am ready to leave at 9:20am car sharing as much as possible. We will drive to the Centre, which is in the grounds of Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, M28 2ND. There is a car park at the venue. Please bring a waterproof and wear sensible comfortable shoes as there will be a small amount of walking on mainly level ground, which might be muddy after rain.

After the visit we will drive on a short distance to Worsley Old Hall, Worsley Park, Manchester M28 2QT for a pub lunch at approximately 1.15pm. A suggested donation of at least £5/person for the Laudato Si visit, to go towards the running costs of the centre. 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.