

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Marple



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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Online Donations

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Sunday Vigil 6pm	11th October VIGIL MASS Intentions: Therese Coop, Jack Leeson & David Yates RIP	Thursday 10am 6pm	15th October Priest intention Holy Hour
9am	MORNING MASS Intention: For the parish		
Monday 10am	12th October Priest Intention	Friday 10am	16th October Priest intention
Tuesday	13th October No Mass	Saturday 6pm	17th October VIGIL MASS Intentions: Michael & Pauline Walton
Wednesday 10am	14th October Intention: Patricia Todd RIP	Sunday 9am	18th October Intention: Brunon Ebertowski
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, John Farrell, Vincent Taylor.

Marian Lamp: This Week the Marian Lamp is lit for **Peace In The World.**

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 a parable about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. The preparations are complete, the celebration is ready, and the invitations have been sent. Yet, when the time comes, those who were invited choose not to attend. Some are too occupied with their own affairs, while others reject the invitation altogether. This parable invites us to reflect on the way we respond to God. The invitation to the kingdom is generous and gracious, but it is also an invitation that calls for a response. God does not force his invitation; He invites us openly and freely. He gives us the freedom to accept His call or to allow other priorities to take its place.

If we are not careful, we can become so accustomed to the things of faith that we no longer recognise their significance. We can hear the words of Scripture regularly, attend worship, sing familiar hymns, and participate in the life of the Church, yet still allow our hearts to become distracted from God. Like those in the parable, we can become so occupied with the ordinary responsibilities of life that we fail to recognise the extraordinary invitation that has been placed before us. The invitation to the banquet is an invitation to a relationship with God. It is an invitation to share in His grace, to know His love, and to live in the hope of His kingdom.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14 Page 415

Parish Life Dates

Wine Testing Evening At Holy Spirit Marple 7pm Friday 30th October. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church.

Memorial Mass November Monday 2nd 7pm. The Mass will be offered for all those we love who have gone before us and especially for members of our parish who have passed away during the past year. If anyone would like to add names to this mass, please place the names in the brown box at the back of church.

Parish Christmas Festive Meal At The Spread Eagle In Romily 3pm Friday 11th December. Please speak to Frank Hollingworth for more information. Please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Churches Together

Invitation for early risers to come to pray on Wednesday mornings 7 - 8 am at Connect in Queen Street Marple.

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

www.churchestogethermarplearea.org.uk

Parish CAFOD Appeal 2026

In Zimbabwe, hunger and thirst are stopping children from learning. Donations from this year's Appeal will be used to help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need. Please return envelopes by the end of October. The basket for the envelopes is on the bookcase below the pigeonholes, which are now at the back of the Church near the Meeting Room. Alternatively, donations can be made using the QR code on the envelope or via www.cafod.org.uk where you can read all about how CAFOD uses your donations.

Parish Words & Music Concert

A big thank-you to all for the Words and Music afternoon. Through your generosity we raised the sum of one thousand three hundred and twenty pounds for the international medical charity MSF.

Join Us At Footsteps On Thursday 15th October At 7.30pm St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA

We have the privilege of hearing **Joe O'Brien** share some of her thoughts and experiences on the captivating topic of **"Prayer: it's good to talk!"** Joe is a nurse with over 40 years' experience, a home educator and avid reader. An evangelical who became Catholic, her own journey of faith has been one of questions, discoveries and a continuing search for truth. Joe is a relaxed seeker rather than someone who claims to have all the answers; she's particularly interested in discovering how prayer can become a joyful, life-giving conversation with a God who loves us. We hope you'll come to our informal, friendly event which takes place in a café-style setting in the parish centre we serve light refreshments and nibbles along with a good sprinkling of humour.