HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
22nd March 2020
4th SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13)
David is anointed king of Israel.
Second Reading :(Ephesians 5:8-14)
Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.
Gospel: (John 9:1-41)
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for March: That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel, and grow in unity.

Saturday Church Open 5.30pm-6.30pm **Sunday** Church Open 8.30am-9.30am	**21st March** **Private Prayer** **22nd March**	**Thursday** 11am-1pm	**26th March** **Exposition/** **Private Prayer**
Monday **Church closed today**	**23rd March**	**Friday** 9am-11am	**27th March** **Exposition/** **Private Prayer**
Tuesday 12noon-2pm	**24th March** **Exposition/** **Private Prayer**	**Saturday** Church Open 5.30pm-6.30pm	**28th March** **Private Prayer**
Wednesday 3pn-5pm	**25th March** **Exposition/** **Private Prayer**	**Sunday** Church Open 8.30am-9.30am	**29th March** **Private Prayer**

One decade of the Rosary	Mon, Tues, Weds Thurs, Fri. – 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary	**Suspended**
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**	By appointment. **Suspended**
Collection:	£313.52p Standing Orders (February) £931.87p

Please pray for Angela Arnold who died last week. May she rest in peace.

Those who are sick:

Please pray for Bill Davies, Christopher Brown, Stuart Madden, Christopher Clifford, James Tanner, Annie Shufflebotham, Marie Sidebottom, Malcolm Garrett, Libby Webb, Nina Noworyta, Fr.John Cairns, Marie Hayes, George Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Pauline Walton, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Clare Hadlow, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Mary Foster, Gino Belli, Cyril & Eunice Nield.

.A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Bill. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible.

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As Fr. Bill prepares this Newsletter, he has just received notification via the latest Statement from the "Bishops Conference of England & Wales" this "Statement READS" that all Parishes in all Diocese of England & Wales will cease to celebrate "Public Masses & other Liturgical Services" as well as any Public Meetings planned for their Churches, or other Premises belonging to their Parish. Dioceses and Parishes will implement this Directive from "Friday March 20th until FURTHER NOTICE. Fr. Bill, would also like to remind anyone going into Stepping Hill Hospital or any other hospital to let him know, the "Hospital Chaplaincy Teams" have now been stood down by Hospital Authorities, so that Holy Communion and other Pastoral Care will not be available via the "Chaplaincy Teams" The Parish Newsletter here at "Holy Spirit" will continue to be published as usual each week, It will be available on the Parish Web/Site – Hard Copies will be available from the "Table in the Church Foyer" in the usual place, and can be picked up by those who visit "Holy Spirit" for Private Prayer / Exposition. (Times when the Church will be opened for Private Prayer / Exposition are posted on the Front of this Newsletter & also on the "Entrance Door" of the "Holy Spirit" The Website: www.churchservice.tv/churches gives access to many churches who have Live Streaming of Mass & Other Religious Services. Local Churches such as St. Peters Hazel Grove, Our Lady`s Stockport, Shrewsbury & Nottingham Cathedrals & St. Mels Cathedral, Longford, Ireland. As Masses are being reduced at these venues, times of the live streaming should have been updated by this weekend. Parishioners who use Weekly Offertory Envelopes have been asking about what to do with their Offertory Envelope: (A) If you are going to drop into Church during one of the times posted for Private Prayer / Exposition you can put your Offertory Envelope in the Basket on the Table beside where the Newsletters are. (B) If you are Self Isolating then you can either get someone else to drop off your Offertory Envelope or drop them all off together when the Masses recommence at the end of the Pandemic. The essential consideration at this time is that Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit, make their own "Personal Health" number 1 priority, all other issues can be addressed at a later stage. Fr. Bill is most thankful for the advice and reassurance received from the Parish Finance & Management Team that met on Thursday evening at short notice. There is an attachment to this "Weeks Newsletter" which was the handout given by the Bishops Conference on the " celebration of the Sacraments" during the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Diocesan Accountant Mike Russell, paid us a visit earlier in the week, to see how the New Diocesan Accounting System is bedding in. Holy Spirit, is one the first parishes in the diocese to trial the new system, which began after the Parish Audit last summer. A big thank you to Michael Blundell and Joan Maher who look after our Parish Accounts and give a lot of their own time, as professionals free of charge. It is with sadness that we record the death of Angela Arnold (nee- Farrell) who died last weekend. We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband and family on their sad loss. Her Funeral Service will take place this coming Wednesday "March 26th @ 1:45pm at the Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium, there will be a Memorial Mass here at Holy Spirit, once Masses recommence again after the Coronavirus Pandemic. May she rest in peace. Thank you to all who continue to donate to Cafod via the Lenten Envelopes. Please observe the Steps outlined in PHASE 2 of Directives – Sanitising of hands with the Gel provided in the Church Foyer. Keep a Safe Social Space between you and others, no Hand Shaking or Hugging