HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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25th October 2020
30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Exodus 22:20-26
If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.
Second Reading : (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)
You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his son.
Gospel: (Matthew 22:34-40)
You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October: That by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Sunday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **9am**	**25th October** **Patricia McDonagh** **Connie & Lindsay Wilson** **Parishioners** **Maureen Matthews**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday 5pm 2 **(Brinnington)** **All welcome**	**27th October**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**28th October** **Thanksgiving (Grime)**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**1st November** **Bill, Ismay & Stephen** **Daniel** **Thanksgiving** **Fr.J.Robinson** **Parishioners**

One decade of the Rosary	**Suspended**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary	**Suspended**
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	After Mass on Wednesdays or by appointment.
Collection	£286 (11th October) Standing Orders (September) £1082.87p

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, Marie Hayes, George Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Clare Hadlow, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, John Kirrane.

.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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This past week has been turbulent with regard to all the talks taking place with regard to what "Tier of Restrictions" particular areas and regions should be placed in, and further taking into account the effect that such placements could have for local economies. We are well and truly experiencing the "Second Spike of Covid 19" are there more "Spikes" to be experienced ? will a vaccine be available soon, just some of the longer term issues being raised with regard to the "Pandemics" future. There is one definite observation we can make, and that is, that a huge chunk of the population are not buying into the latest "Government Restrictions." There are a number of reasons for this, but the main one is a serious lack of clarity with regard to the implementation of the "latest restrictions." Why all the "Home Nations" could not sing from the same "Hymn Sheet" with regard to the "Restrictions" ? How much stronger our combined resolve would have been in trying to defeat the virus. On the Parish front things are continuing to be positive, the numbers attending "Weekend & Daily Masses" continues to increase slowly, understandably a number of "Parishioners & Friends of the Parish" with underlying health conditions are unable to attend, but are with us in spirit, and attending Mass via "Live Streaming" in local churches and further afield. Last Sunday we had a big number of "Families" who came together for the 9am. Mass here at "Holy Spirit" it was great to see so "Many Families" that we have not seen since Mid-March. We will now continue to have regular "Family Masses" on a Sunday Morning. Gracious thanks to Louise Perry who organised the Mass and to Robert Moss and his "Team of Stewards" who facilitated the safety of all who attended the Mass. This coming weekend November 1st / 2nd is the "Feast of All Saints / All Souls" on Monday November 2nd "Feast of All Souls" there will be a Mass at 12noon, this will double up as the Mass for the "Feast of All Souls" and the Memorial Mass for "Fr. Michael Dyson" who died recently. There is a an "Attendance Sheet" for this Mass on the Table in the entrance hall, so please put your name on it if you are coming to this Mass. Attached to the "Newsletter" for this weekend is the "November Dead List Intention Sheet" The returned sheets with the names of all your "Family Deceased" will be placed in front of the altar for the month of November, which is the Month of the "Holy Souls" with one of the weekend masses, each weekend being offered for the "Holy Souls" Fr. Jim Robinson, who was Parish Priest here for a number of years, will celebrate sixty years of Priesthood on Friday next 30th of October, we take this opportunity to congratulate him and offer prayers for his intentions. Unfortunately due to Covid 19 we are unable to invite Fr. Jim back to join us for Mass.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 30TH SUNDAY

This opening Reading from "Exodus" serves as a sober reminder of the differences in our "Human Family." Some people are rich, others are poor, some are nomads, they do not have a fixed abode, others are citizens. This exhortation reminds the reader that there is a need to extend "Gods Compassion" to everyone who is God's family without making distinctions. The fact that we all are included in Gods Family, we must in a very special way extend "Gods Love & Compassion" to the vulnerable in our society. St. Paul is lavish in his praise for the "Thessalonians" especially for the example they are giving by the way they are living out the Gospel. Waiting for the Lord's return in such a glorious manner is only to be highly commended, when all around you have turned to idols and other false gods. The " New Testament" perspective on Love & Justice is based on the ministry of Jesus. "The Spirit is upon me to preach good news to the poor." Those who are downtrodden go away renewed. As Christians we are not just to give people what they deserve, rather we give because Jesus has already given us much, now we imitate him. Loving our "Neighbour" is synonymous with "loving God." The "Christian" is now to assume the mind-set that says, "I am my Neighbour, my Neighbour is an extension of myself. Jesus' invitation, " Love in the same way, as I have loved you." In the New Testament perspective, to love as Jesus loved, is over and above the demands of human ethics. It is the kind of love that compelled "Gods Son" to totally give himself for the downtrodden and beleaguered.