HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
11th October 2020
28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Isaiah 25:6-10)
The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away teass from every cheek.
Second Reading :(Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20)
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.
Gospel: (Matthew 22:1-14)
Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

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**	**11th October** **Edna & Bill Harris** **Jack Leeson** **Parishioners**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**6th October**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**7th October** **Effie Fotheringham**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**11th October** **Frank & Mary McGill** **Rita Kay** **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	£321.50p

Please pray for our former Parish Priest, Father Michael Dyson who died on 27th September and whose Requiem Mass was at Christ Church, Heald Green on Thursday. May he 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, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Clare Hadlow, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril 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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Since we published last weeks Newsletter it has become clear that we are experiencing the second spike of Covid 19. Wherever one lives in Western Europe, there is some type of lockdown, imposing restrictions. Further afield in other parts of the World Covid 19 is also having a serious impact on the lives of communities, with an increasing number of deaths. Never was the call for Individuals to act responsibly so loudly heard across the face of the "Universe." Most people cannot remember a time when how they live and act was of such importance to the people around and about them. Pope Francis' most Recent encyclical letter " Fratelli Tutti" tells us that fraternal and social friendship are the best ways to build a just and peaceful world, and as Catholics we must place ourselves at the very centre of this endeavour. Our Christian lives are best lived out by the manner in which we live and act in our family and community settings. All parishes of the Diocese have received updates on the "Original Directives" received back in July, re reopening of Churches, here at Holy Spirit we have kept a close eye on changes to these directives during that period. Again the Sanitising of Hands in and out of Church, the wearing of Masks coming into Church, while in Church, and while exiting. Fr. Bill would ask that no congregating takes place outside of Church, Social Distancing must be observed, we need to set the example. Anybody displaying any symptoms should not attempt to be in attendance at Mass. The "Obligation to attend Sunday Mass" is still in suspension, so no one needs to feel pressurised for missing Mass if they are in any way feeling ill. Fr. Bill is most thankful for the continuous work of those who carry out "Stewarding" this is an invaluable service without which Holy Spirit would no be able to be opened for Mass.Last weekend attached to your Newsletter were details of this year's "Cafod Autumn Family Fast campaign" and how you can make a contribution. On Tuesday evening the Parish "Finance and Management Team" held a meeting, and the main agenda item was how to safely accommodate the return of "Families" to the 9am Sunday Mass, and the participation of the Children in the "Liturgy of the Mass" Louise Perry, who is the Liturgy Leader joined the meeting, and after much discussion it was agreed that "All Families" who were part of the "Children's Liturgy" prior to the Church shutdown would be invited to attend the 9am Mass on "Home Mission Sunday" October 18th and there would be a meeting after the Mass to discuss the way forward for the Children's participation in leading the Liturgy. The date for the "Memorial Mass" for Fr. Michael Dyson will be the 2nd November (Feast of all Souls) at 12noon. There will be a special "Track & Trace Sheet on the table in the Church Foyer, and if you wish to attend the Memorial Mass you need to post your name on that sheet.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 28TH SUNDAY

The feast that Isaiah speaks about today is in contrast to the "Sour Grapes" he spoke about in last week's words about the chosen people of God. Only God so to speak can turn the tables, making something meaningful out of the sinfulness of his people, this feast celebrates the renewal of " God's Covenant" it also celebrates the profound turn - about in people's lives from sorrow to joy, from death to life. This passage from Isaiah was understood in " Eucharistic Terms" by the early Church. They understood that the Eucharist the earthly banquet was what we celebrated in preparation for the glorious heavenly banquet. St. Paul is seen by some scholars as being a bit embarrassed by the offers of help with his "Mission" while others understood that in order for St. Paul to lay claim to being a "Genuine Apostle" he had to show willingness to bear the " Cross of Christ" to some extent on his own. A "Genuine Apostle" must be ready to walk the path of hunger and affliction as well as the path of glory and plenty. Matthew's Gospel this weekend reminds us that following Christ involves much more than words. Words are encouraging and inspire others, but eventually they must be supported by action. The test of our convictions will be borne out by the way we live our lives in response to the will of God. Today's "Gospel Parable" is a sober reminder that the choice is ours. There is a responsibility inherent in living out the demands of the Gospel. We as faith believers are confident that with Gods help we can remain faithful believers.

OCTOBER is the month of the Rosary: Please make an effort to pray the Rosary seeking Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and for protection against Covid 19.