HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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15th March 2020
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
DEMEMTIA PRAYER WEEK

First Reading: (Exodus 17:3-7)
Give the water to drink.
Second Reading :(Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.
Gospel: (John 4:5-42)
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life

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

Sunday **6**pm 9am	**15th March** Thomas Costello Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am **7.15pm**	**19th March** All the Sick **2nd Lenten Talk**
Monday 10am	**16th March** Eucharistic Service	**Friday** 10am	**20th March** Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 10am **4pm** E	**17th March** Kathleen Magrath **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am **12 noon**	**21st March** Eucharistic Service **SVP Meeting**
Wednesday 10am	**18th March** Win Bland	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**22nd March** Parishioners Holy Souls

One decade of the Rosary	Mon, Tues, Weds Thurs, Fri. – 10.30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary	Last Saturday of the month 10am-10.50am. Tuesdays 4pm-5pm
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**	Saturdays 5.15pm-5.50pm and last Saturday of the month. Sundays in Lent 4pm
Collection:	£358.11p

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.

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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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SOCIAL

The Coronavirus is very much centre stage on everyone`s mind at the present time, and all of us are very aware of the part we are being asked to play to limit its transmission. Here in the British Isles we are still, at the *containment phase*, but this will quickly change, if the outbreak becomes widespread, as it has in other countries. The *Catholic Bishops of England and Wales* are very much up to speed in their Directives and advice with regard to *containing the transmission of Covid 19.* This weekend we have a *Special Pastoral Letter* from Bishop Mark on *Covid 19*, so I would ask Parishioners, Friends of the Parish, and Visitors to please take a copy, and read it. *Fr. Bill has also attached to your "Parish News Sheet" the very latest steps that we are taking here at "Holy Spirit" in our bid to contain the transmission of "Covid 19".* Fr. Bill invites everyone to do their utmost, *especially, by "Sanitising your hands in the Church Foyer"* before entering the *Main Body of the Church.* Let us also remember in Prayer those currently suffering from Covid 19, as well those who have died. On Parish matters, the *Development Fund* is now just over *21k.* Thanks to our recent *Quiz Fundraising evening along with some very generous recent donations* and the regular monthly donations. It is possible by late Autumn of this year 2020 that the Development A/C will be sufficiently near the *sum of 34k.* needed to begin the work on a *New Church Entrance.* Fr. Bill continues to invite those who *donate via the "Monthly Envelopes" to the Development Fund* and who are Tax Payers to fill in a "Gift Aid" Form. "Gift Aid Forms" on the Table in the Church Foyer, return Completed Forms to Fr. Bill or Michael Blundell. It would be good if we could have Completed Gift Aid Forms returned ASAP but certainly by March 22nd so that we can get our claim in by the end of this Financial Year 31st March. (Once the 100k is raised and the *Development Work is complete*, the Dev A/C and Gift Aid declarations, will be discontinued. Fr. Bill and the *Parish Finance & Management Team* would like to say thank you to everyone who continues to be generous in support of the *Re-Development Project.* On the *First Sacrament front* there are "Six Candidates" who have been registered and Fr.Bill will be working with the Candidates and their families as they get ready for 1st Forgiveness and 1st Holy Communion. The "New Format of Preparation" which we are adopting here at Holy Spirit gives much more **responsibility to the Parents, the essential "First Step" being regular Sunday Mass for the Candidates, so that they can play an active part in the Parish Community, growing in knowledge and love of the Mass, by their weekly participation.**

Holy Spirit hosted ("Womens") World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March there was a reasonable attendance. **Cafod Envelopes** are available during **Lent** and **Donations will be counted in the week after Easter. Fr.Geoff O'Grady** gave the **1st of his Lenten Talks on the Year of the Word here at Holy Spirit last Thursday 12th March, two more to come on Thursdays March 19th and 26th at 7.15pm all are most welcome.** Fr.Bill celebrated the **Requiem Mass of Sr.Pauline from the Brinnington Community of the Evron Sisters, last Monday, with burial at Highfield Cemetery in Bredbury. Sr.Pauline** had been active as a **Parish Sister** in St.Bernadette's Brinnington Parish for many years. *Fr. Bill would like to say thank you to all who are* ***engaged in the various Church Ministries, the fullest participation possible by the laity is essential for the success of our Parish Community.*** *The next meeting of the* ***Parish SVP Conference*** *will be on* ***Saturday March 21st at 12 noon.*** *The next meeting of the* ***newly formed Parish/Community Group "WELCOME" will be on Saturday March 28th beginning with Mass at 11am followed by Social Time and Refreshments at 11:30am to which all who are Housebound / Living on their own / feeling isolated are warmly invited. If anyone needs transport Talk to Fr. Bill asap.*** **Fr.Bill will write again next week.**

LILIES FOR EASTER: If you would like to provide a lily for the altar this Easter in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation of £2.50 per lily in an envelope clearly marked with the name of the person to be remembered, and leave in pigeon hole "M".

EASTER CHICKS are on sale priced £1.50p each. Proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need

LIFTS TO MASS: We have a couple of requests for lifts to Saturday evening Mass – Fred Halford 22, Portland House, Carver Drive, Marple, and Will Griffiths, 16 Lynton Avenue, High Lane. Please speak with Fr. Bill if you can help.

GROWING IN FAITH

CHOIR FOR EASTER: There will be 3 practices on Wednesdays 18th March and 25th March and on Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm. We will advise if any of these practices have to be cancelled.

FUNDRAISING

CAFOD envelopes will be available in the Church Foyer throughout Lent.