HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
13th September 2020
24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7)
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven..
Second Reading :(Romans 14:7-9)
Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.
Gospel: (Matthew 18:21-35)
I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for September: That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Sunday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **9am**	**13th September** **Golden Wedding (Jim & Joyce Meanwell)** **Cornelius&Margaret Lane** **Parishioners**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**15th September**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**16th September** **Tony Hennessy**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**20th September** **Mary Valentine** **Michael & Pauline Walton** **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	£291.55p (30/8)

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. Fr.Michael Dyson.

.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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Most Primary and Secondary Schools, with some Third Level Colleges began the New Academic Year 2020/21 last week.There has as you would expect been some cases of Covid 19 on some school campuses, it appears mainly among staff members, and the proper steps have been implemented to tackle these cases. It appears that overall, and taking into account the number of pupils that have returned to education, arrangements have gone pretty smoothly. In our local schools we have had reports of arrangements going very well, so a big thank you to all who were engaged in the planning and delivery of the arrangements for the return to school 2020/21. We are again being reminded that there is still a need to adhere to the safety directives as issued by our Local Health Boards, if the transmission of Covid 19 is to be further prevented. So far in our Church settings across the Shrewsbury Diocese adherence to the Safety Directives has been observed very well, but each of us attending Church needs to continue this adherence going forward. Fr. Bill is aware that the wearing of Masks for instance is not very comfortable, but for all who can manage it, you are playing a major role in preventing the transmission of what is a deadly virus if caught by some people, thank you for your efforts to keep our living space safe. This weekend on a more joyful note, we wish to congratulate on the celebration of their Golden Wedding, Jim and Joyce Meanwell. We are offering the 4:00pm Vigil Mass this Saturday evening for their intentions. It is such a joyous occasion for Jim and Joyce and family, we thank them for their support of Holy Spirit Parish across the years, in so many areas. In last weeks newsletter, you will have read about the possibility of having a separate Sunday morning Liturgy Group as a short term measure, to help families get back Church, Fr. Bill put the proposal to the Bishop, but the answer was no, permission has only been given, he was reminded, for the celebration of Mass and the other Sacraments, so there is no avenue of opportunity along those lines to assist families anxious to return to Church. This weekend Fr. Bill will celebrate the first Baptism since the beginning of March, this will be a joyful occasion for our parish, and also for the family of Baby Natalia, who is being baptised. Fr. Bill has also resumed taking Holy Communion to the housebound, and arrangements are under way to begin taking Holy Communion to Residents in the local Nursing/Rest Homes. Fr. Bill is also very thankful to those Parishioners who have taken on the role of Stewards in the Parish, it enables Holy Spirit to open safely for the celebration of Mass and Sacraments. Again with regard to the Ministry of Reader, it is hoped to restore the Reading Ministry during the Month of October, Fr. Bill will engage with Mary Abbott who is responsible for the Rota, so that it can be reactivated. Thank you kindly to all who continue to support the Weekly Offertory Collection, it is greatly appreciated, as without your ongoing help our Parish could not function.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The first Reading this weekend, warns us that Anger / Resentment left gone unchecked destroy the human person. Those who claim to be belonging to God, know their own need for Gods mercy, and know that only God is the supreme judge, who judges justly. It is a form of pride and arrogance for human beings to assume Gods role. To do so can lead to vengeance, and all sorts of unjust sentences being delivered. God is merciful in his judgements, wiping clean the sinful life of sinners. St. Paul tells in the letter to the Roman Community that at his resurrection Jesus became the exalted ruler, over both life and death. By our Faith and Baptism Christians will also share his redemption in death, and his glory in eternal life. Matthews Gospel explains to us that our life within the Church is relational, we are firstly in a relationship with God and then with one another. The foundations of these relationships are built upon the fortress of humility, love, mutual care, unity, and the ability to be able to correct and forgive one another. The very first place that we meet Christ present in the Sunday Liturgy is in the Assembly of the Believers. The question is posed, how can we appreciate Christ present in Holy Communion if we cannot or will not accept Christ present in one another, in the gathered assembly ??