CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: ------ ***LEIGH AVENUE: MARPLE: STOCKPORT:***

Seventeenth– Sunday – In Ordinary Time: ***Parish – Newsletter: July 26th / August 1st / 2020***

Saturday 25th July: ***Vigil Mass: 4pm. Int: Martin Baggot.***
Vigil Mass: 6pm. Int: Eliz. Wilson.

Sunday 19th July: ***Morning Mass: 9am. Int / Parishioners.***

Wednesday 29th July: ***10:00am. Weekday Mass. Johnny Williams. (rec`d-dec`d)***

Fr. Bill Writes:

Fr. Bill would firstly like to thank all who helped in any way with Sr. Joan Taylor`s Requiem Mass here at Holy Spirit, last Wednesday. Though Sr. Joan had no direct connections with the Parish, her family would like to express their gracious thanks for being able to celebrate her Requiem Mass here at Holy Spirit, and also for the Pastoral Care she received while resident in the parish at "Arbour Court" Parishes across the diocese continue to celebrate Mass and make preparations to begin celebrating again other of the Sacraments, such as Confession, Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. Permission to begin preparations for "First Holy Communions and Confirmations" is not expected in the immediate future, because such preparation would present an issue with regard to "Social Distancing" as it would involve numbers of Children and Adults both for the preparation and celebration of both these sacraments. Fr. Bill is available now any time for the Celebration of Confession, please contact him by phone or e/mail so as to arrange a time. Fr. Bill will be available before either of the "Saturday Evening Vigil Masses" please call at the Presbytery Door and Fr. Bill will hear your Confession. Confessions will also be available after the 10:00am Wednesday morning Mass, in the "Meeting Room.In discussion with other priests across the diocese, Fr. Bill estimates that about half of regular Congregations across parishes of the diocese have returned to "Sunday Mass" and this is encouraging as there are still a lot Shielding and a number of Families still unsure about the safety aspect of having their Children mixing in Adult Crowds at Church. There is also the reminder that the Obligation tomattend "Sunday Mass" remains in suspension. I think this will remain so until the early Autumn at the earliest. Fr. Bill would like to remind those shielding or recovering from other illnesses we have not forgotten you, you are in our parish prayers at Mass. The School Summer Holidays are now under way, so we invite Parents and extended Family Members caring for Children to take extra care during this period, we do not want fatal accidents to spoil the school holidays in our Local Communities.

Money Matters:
Thank you kindly to all who contributed so generously to last Weekends Offertory Collection:

Offertory Collection: / July 18th / 19th : £676:00 Gracious Thanks for your Offertory Gifts.

There are still a considerable number of Parishioners who have not taken their 2020 / 21 Offertory Envelopes, if you are living anyone to whom you could drop them off, please do so, or if anyone has switched over to "Standing Order" and no longer requires their envelopes, please let Michael Blundell know, or if you have not yet picked up your "New Series" please do so if you can this weekend. Fr. Bill appreciates that many things, including "Parishioners Offertory Giving" are out of the normal sequence due to the long lockdown and it is most likely that while

we will make up a good deal of it, there will most likely be a sizeable loss in Parish income this Financial Year 2020/21. The diocesan trustees are realising that several Parishioners across many Parishes in the diocese have either lost their job, or will have a sizeable cut in their annual income, a direct impact of Covid 19. so Fr. Bill invites Parishioners to be as generous as they can at this time, remembering that you and your family`s welfare are your first priority when it comes to finance. The Parish Development Fund is on hold until September, Fr. Bill hopes to relaunch the project if circumstances have improved.

Parish Newsletter & Other Church Ministries:

*With the experience gained from being reopened for **Four Weekends now** the full **"Parish News - Letter** will be published again for **Sunday August 8/9.** If there are **Notices** that anyone wishes to have published please contact **Fr. Bill. Various Church Ministries eg: such as Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Counters etc will be reviewed in August,** with a view to gradually restoring **Ministries,** again the advice from **Public Health England in conjunction with the Conference of English Bishops is an evaluation of risk needs to be taken before any Ministry is exercised.***

MASS INTENTIONS:

*If anybody wishes to have **Mass offered** for any intention please use **one of the Mass Intention Envelopes which are available from the Tables at the Entrance & Exit to the Church.** Post the envelope through the **Presbytery Letter Box or put in the Offertory Basket.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS: --- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

*What a shrewd request from **Solomon in todays first reading** alreay he is beginning to show signs of possessing the **very Gift** that he is asking **God for. Wisdom** is a requirement for any type of **successful Leadership** and such has been the case **down the Centuries.** Leaders in **Spiritual Matters** fail if the **Wisdom to discern is not central to their Ministry. St. Paul** in writing to the **Romans** says there is a special bond between **God and those who love him,** a new relationship is created, **akin to the relationship** between **God and his Son, Jesus.** This relationship when lived out to the full leads to a share in **Gods Glory.** This treasure that is **Gods Glory** is described in the parables of **St. Matthews Gospel,** only those who love **God, are able to recognise the signs of his Kingdom.** It is a **gift in itself** to have the desire to **search for the Kingdom,** and even a **greater blessing to recognise the treasures that are the Kingdom.** This time of Pandemic has tested many peoples resolve in their pursuit of **Gods Kingdom and its treasures,** energies are of ten ficused on blaming **God for the Pandemic,** the thought that the **Pandemic may be due to Mankinds carelessness** is not much contemplated.*

HOLY SPIRIT NEW – WEB/SITE: & NEW TWITTER PAGE:

*The new **Web-site: www.holyspiritmarple.com** is now up and fully operational. The Original Web -Site was the **brain child of Frank McCrystal ably helped by Frank Hollingsworth,** both have again helped **Chris Buxton** with the construction of the new **Web-Site,** gracious thanks to both for their advice & imput. ... **See Also The New Parish Twitter Page:** ... www.twitter.com/HolyMarple*