HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
27th September 2020
26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Ezekiel 18:25-28)
When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.
Second Reading :(Philippians 2:1-11)
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
Gospel: (Matthew 21:28-32)
Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

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**	**27th September** **Special Intention (Birch)** **Ken Rain** **Parishioners** **Fr.Michael Dyson**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**29th September**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**30th September** **Joe Dwan & family**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**4th October** **Parishioners** **John Brown** **Audrey&Peter Turner**

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	£309.26p (13/9/20) Standing Orders (August) £1016.87p

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, 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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Since you received and read last weeks newsletter, "Covid 19" has once again regained it's place at the centre of news headlines, and is slowly beginning to impact our lives in the way it did prior to the easing of "Lockdown" at the beginning of July. By the time you read this newsletter, it is likely that what Fr. Bill has written with regard to "Covid 19" will be well out of date. The question central to this second spike of the "Pandemic" is, why with all the precautions taken is "Covid 19" still about ?? The answer is not all that difficult, "Covid 19" is an easily "transmittable virus" and it is obvious in the wake of the easing of "lockdown" that a sufficient number of people worldwide have decided that it is ok to return to the lifestyle they were accustomed to living prior to the outbreak of the "Pandemic" I personally have heard a number of people express the view, that they felt they were healthy enough, and did not fear catching "Covid 19" The concern that all of us need to have is, could we be carriers of "Covid 19" ?? we may not be affected by the "Virus" personally, but we can transmit it to someone for whom it will result in a serious illness, even death, as over "Forty One Thousand Families" have experienced. How do we tackle this current spike is the issue facing all of us, here at Holy Spirit we are going to continue with our "current weekly rota of Masses" the time line between mid-week and weekend Masses enables the Church to be well ventilated, an extensive deep clean is carried out at "weekends" between the Masses, thanks to the diligence of stewards, who are working tirelessly to ensure the safety of all who attend Mass. Those who are "housebound" are now being visited again after a long period of isolation, and local "Nursing / Rest Homes" know that Fr. Bill is available when required to administer end of "Life Pastoral Care" While it is unlikely that "Places of Worship" will be required to close for a second time, there will not be any further easing of "Lockdown Measures" for the immediate future, attendances at "Requiems, Baptisms, will remain at just thirty. Track and Trace remain central to the "directives" of each Church, the diocese is adhering to these "Measures" being implemented nationally. We are hoping to restore our "Parish Readers Rota" so please contact Mary Abbott on 427-5613 if you wish to be part of the Rota. Gracious thanks to all who are continuing to support the "Offertory" it is a very essential source of income, with many parishes in the "diocese" struggling currently financially. The "Parish Finance & Management Team" will meet next week to review a number of current issues, especially the making of provision for "Families" to return safely to "Sunday Mass" This coming week, we have on Monday the Funeral Service of John Hannon at 1:15pm here at Holy Spirit, with Committal afterwards at Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium, the Funeral Service for Kathleen Lee will be held at the Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium, on Tuesday at 12:15pm. Fr. Bill will conduct both of the services, May they rest in Peace. We also invite your Prayers for Fr. Dyson former Parish Priest here at Holy Spirit, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. He does not wish people to make any fuss, but please to pray for him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 26th SUNDAY

Ezekiel's responsibility as Prophet was to reveal the mind, heart, and will of God. The "Believers responsibility" was to respond, change their course of action and bring their behaviour into line with the mind and will of God. The bottom line for Ezekiel, is that it is never to late to change the course of ones life. Ezekiel would not allow the people of his time to blame the "Sins" of past generations on their present plight, they must take responsibility for their "Sins" in the here and now. We today are called on to share some responsibility for the state of the "World we live in" Paul in his letter to the house groups at Phillipi is encouraging them to remember that all "Communal relationships" must be rooted and based on faith in Christ. If they are to fulfil the image and likeness of Christ in which they have been created, they must live and act like him. Paul exhorts all those readers, ancient and contemporary to embrace the mind of Christ, by divesting and emptying themselves of power, so that they can live for others, as Jesus did. There will be a price to pay, but this is part of the journey. Today's "Gospel Call" is go .... and not just do .... The Eucharist is an invitation to do ..... to respond ..... it empowers us to grow more fully into the chosen, royal, and "Holy Priesthood" for which we were baptised, in order to activate this "Call" there must be a personal generous freely given response.