HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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2nd February 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: (Malachi 3:1-4)
The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.
Second Reading :(Hebrews 2:14-18)
It was essential that we should in this way become completely like his brother.
Gospel: (Luke 2:22-40)
My eyes have seen your salvation.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for February: That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Sunday 6pm 9am	**2nd February** Parishioners Maureen O'Donovan	**Thursday** 10am	**6th February** James Fishwick
Monday 10am	**3rd February** Eucharistic Service	**Friday** 10am	**7th February** Nora O'Neill
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**4th February** Audrey Turner **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am	**8th February** Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10am	**5th February** Eucharistic Service	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**9th February** Parishioners Dr.Michael Strode

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	Saturdays 5.15pm-5.50pm and last Saturday of the month.
Collection:	£381.09p Standing Orders (December) £989.37p

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.

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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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Fr.Bill writes… We extend a warm welcome to our diocesan Bishop, Rt.Rev.Mark Davies this weekend, as he pays the parish a pastoral visit. Diocesan bishops visit the parishes in their diocese every five years, as part of their episcopal responsibility as "shepherds of the Flock". Bishop Mark will be the chief celebrant at both of the weekend Masses joined by Fr.Bill. If anyone should wish to speak with Bishop Mark on any matter, he will be available after either of the Masses. This weekend is also the "Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus" especially celebrating and reminding us of the humanity of Jesus. The final monies retained on the Main Church Roof as part of the initial contract are now being paid, the diocesan architect is now satisfied that the "twelve month snaggings" have been satisfactorily completed. The Parish maintenance team will keep a regular check on the roof and especially ensuring that the guttering is kept clean so that there is no build up of water. The Chalices, Patens, Ciboria have been regilded and cleaned over the past few weeks, in keeping with Health & Safety regulations regarding Instruments and Vessels used for public consumption. The Tabernacle also needs some attention, as for some time the doors are getting jammed. Fr.Bill hopes this can be done after Easter, it is a specialised job of work and will be expensive. The Annual Diocesan Collection for the "Retired Priests' Fund" is taken up this weekend, if you can Gift Aid your donation, then please take one of the Special Fund Envelopes available from the table in the Church Foyer; if you are already contributing via Our Mission Together or are making a personal private donation to the Fund, then you need not worry in the least about this Collection. The Registration Forms for would be Candidates for the "First Sacraments" are now available from the Table in the Church Foyer. Candidates are those Children in Year 3 or any year higher up at Primary School, we are currently in a transition phase from Year 3 to Year 4. Registration does not mean Enrolment it means that Parents/Guardians are inviting the Parish Community to accept their Child as a Candidate to be prepared for First Sacraments. The formal step of Enrolment will be celebrated after the Parents and Fr.Bill are satisfied that the Candidate is ready. Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is an essential criteria for Registration (Parents/Guardians, please return your Child's Registration Form personally to Fr.Bill). The Diocese of Shrewsbury has issued some Materials for the Year of the Word and Fr.Bill hopes to make available during the coming Season of Lent 2020 opportunities to explore further these Materials on the Word of God Envelopes for the Monthly Special Collection for the Redevelopment Fund are available from the Table in the Church Foyer. The January 2020 Donations will be counted the week beginning Monday 10th February. Next weekend February 9th/10th will be Racial Justice Sunday the Theme is "You are the heart of the Church" that celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Catholic Church in England and Wales. **The work of our newly formed SVP Conference is gaining momentum, with many visits being carried out. Fr.Bill will write again next week.**

ANNUAL HOLY SPIRIT QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 28th February at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £5 are now on sale
TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE are available in the Meeting Room after the 9am Sunday Mass.

GROWING IN FAITH

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION for February is on the front of the newsletter.

FUNDRAISING

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: We have sent off our Christmas Donation which totalled £307 to A.C.N. to help Christians suffering persecution throughout the world. Please continue to pray and support them, we want them to know that they are not forgotten. Many thanks to all who donate regularly to the A.C.N. basket collection.
BOOK SALE: Books including children's books priced from 50p-£1. Boxed sets £2.50p. There are also DVDs/CDs at 50p each. Proceeds to Our Mission in Zambia. Many thanks for your continued support.