HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
20th September 2020
25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Isaiah 55:6-9)
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Second Reading :(Philippians 1:20-24,27)
Life to me is Christ.
Gospel: (Matthew 20:1-16)
Why be envious because I am generous.

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**	**20th September** **Mary Valentine** **Michael & Pauline Walton** **Parishioners**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**22nd September**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**23rd September** **Andrew Brown**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**27th September** **Special Inten., (Birch)** **Ken Rain** **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	£358.69p (6/9/20) 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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SOCIAL

With the reimposition of slightly looser lockdown measures in the past week, we are all once again a little more concerned than we have been since our Churches and Places of Worship reopened on the Weekend of July 4/5. It is true to say that all our main stream Churches who are hosting weekly congregations, and celebrating Weddings, Baptisms, Funeral Services are at the forefront of fulfilling "Government Directives" with regard to keeping all who enter their Places of Worship safe, regrettably there are a small number of individuals in every community that seem to think this Global Pandemic has nothing to do with them. It is this type of uninformed thinking that enables Covid 19 to spread. I thank everyone here at "Holy Spirit" for their attention to detail in their preparations for coming to "Weekend and Mid-Week Masses, this along with the superb care taken by our "Volunteer Stewards" assures the safety of all who cross over the threshold of Holy Spirit, to as high a degree as is humanly possible. Remember if you've been with a any person who has symptoms, or if you've symptoms yourself, you must isolate and try to get tested ASAP, please do not come anywhere near Church. Last Sunday here at "Holy Spirit" Fr. Bill celebrated the first Parish Baptism since early March of this year, baby Ella Pyszka was received into the Church, we thank her parents for making the necessary preparations. If there are any other families who would like to celebrate Baptism please speak with Fr. Bill to make arrangements. We sympathise with the families of John Hannon and Ann Kathleen Lee who have died recently, Fr. Bill is currently making the necessary funeral arrangements, may they rest in peace. There have been some minor updates from the "Conference of English Bishops" on their original directives, but we are already complying with them. Fr. Bill and Angela Gill have resumed their ministry of Communion to those who are housebound, visits to Nursing & Rest Homes are only being made for the end of life care, and by Fr. Bill for the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing. Fr. Bill would like thank all who contribute to the Weekly Offertory, it is greatly appreciated. It is hoped by early October to have a "New Readers Rota" operating, it will restore a little more normality to our celebration of Masses. Gracious thanks to Carole Davison who has retired from taking Communion to the housebound after twenty eight years, her ministry as a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and those who were Housebound has been such a great blessing across the years for our parish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 25TH SUNDAY

Today's Old Testament Reading from Isaiah thrusts us into the mysterious ways of God, inviting us to think, live and behave with the renewed mind and heart of God. Isaiah is busy inviting the people to embrace this new way of life. We return to this invitation in Chapter 55 of Isaiah on a number of other Sunday's in Ordinary Time. Paul tells us in the passage from the Philippians that it is the "Resurrection of Christ" that sustains him, he is not afraid of death, he is resolved to forge ahead regardless of what may lay in store in the future, it is fulfilling the "Mission" that Jesus gave him that is of importance to him. He invites the "Community of Philippi" to join him in this endeavour.The last line of today's Gospel (Parable) issues a stark warning to all would be "Disciples" that those who come to belief late in the day, so to speak like those who were hired for the final hour accomplish what they were asked to do, they are no better or worse than any of the others who were hired, or came to belief. As believers we must seriously reflect and discern what is it that we expect or even want from our God. St. Thomas Acquinas ..... prayed ... Father in Heaven, the perfection of justice is found in your love. Help us that during our life time, that we may find this love, especially in one another.

READERS' ROTA: Readers please contact Mary Abbott (427 5613) giving name, phone number and the Mass you wish to read at as soon as possible please. An extra piece of PPE will be required – wearing of gloves.