HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
16th February 2020
6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20)
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
Second Reading :(1 Corinthians 2:6-10)
God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.
Gospel: (Matthew 5:17-37)
You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

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	**16th February** Irene & Bernard Coyne Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am	**20th February** Edward Curley
Monday 10am	**17th February** Eucharistic Service	**Friday** 10am	**21st February** Spec.Intention-Abbott
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**18th February** James Webb **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am 11.30am	**22nd February** Eucharistic Service SVP Meeting
Wednesday 10am	**19th February** Eucharistic Service	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**23rd February** Brian Platt Annie & John Conboy Parishioners

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:	£346.57p Special Collection Retired Priests' Fund £183

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… Last weekend reminded us that the Season of Winter has not gone away, we saw how our climate can change overnight, as it did last weekend, thankfully the amount of damage here in Marple area was very little compared with other areas of the country. Worldwide, scientists, meteorologists, are working on the possible causes of severe climate change which we are beginning to experience more frequently. The half term school holiday has begun for many of our local schools. We gently remind those who will have responsibility for children over half term about their duty of care, to ensure that they are aware of where the children are and what they are actually doing at any given time. The Liturgical Season of Lent is also on the horizon, it will begin on Ash Wednesday February 26th with Cafod Family Fast Day on Friday 6th March. Registration Forms for the "First Sacraments Programme" are available from the Table in the Church Porch. Step one for all Potential Candidates is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Fr.Bill will speak with the families and candidates who have registered, and in due course will arrange an Enrolment Service as part of the Sunday 9am Mass. There are a number of children who have registered and who will be ready to celebrate the First Sacraments this year. There are other Potential Candidates who will need more time to prepare, as they have recently become regular Mass goers, and are starting to get familiar with the Mass. The idea behind the new parish arrangements here at "Holy Spirit" is to ensure that those receiving the First Sacraments are sufficiently prepared, and secondly that after their reception of the First Sacraments they continue to practice their faith, and train to take on, one of the Parish Ministries. February Envelopes for our Redevelopment Fund are available from the table in the church foyer: having counted the January Donations during the past week, the Redevelopment Fund is now very near 13K which is very promising after eight months of donations. The Parish Quiz Night on Friday February 28th at 7.30pm is also in aid of the Fund. Tickets are still available after weekend Masses from Robert Moss, and even if you cannot attend, you can make a donation to the event. The next Meeting of the Parish SVP Conference is on Saturday 22nd February (next Saturday) at 11.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. If there are any Parishioners or anyone else who would like to know more abut the SVP or would like to join the Parish Conference you can speak with Fr.Bill or David Matthews, the President of the newly formed Parish Conference. On the last Saturday of this month "February 29th" (Leap Year) we will have the First Meeting of WELCOME this will include Mass at 11am (for those who wish to attend) and then a get-together for anyone who is housebound, living on their own, feeling isolated, etc., Transport is available simply give the Name/Address/postcode of the person who you would like picked-up (having of course checked with them that they want to come) This new venture is very much a response to all those in our parish, who are elderly and who do not get out on a regular basis, those who feel isolated, those who live alone, or anyone else needing friendship. The idea is that WELCOME will meet the last Saturday of each month; those who wish can come for the 11am Mass and those who don't wish to attend Mass, can assemble for the Get-Together at 11.30am (approx). **Fr.Bill will write again next week.**

` GROWING IN FAITH

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

YEAR OF THE WORD – SERIES OF 3 TALKS: On Thursday Evenings 12th/19th and 26th March, Fr.Geoff O'Brady will give three Talks on the theme of "Year of the Word".

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Please pick up new Rota for March/April from the tray at the side of the Newsletter. Many thanks for your continued service to the Parish through this Ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY: A chance to worship with other Christians in the area. 12 noon Marple Methodist Church. Service led by Annette Sharp 7.30pm St.Paul's, Compstall. Communion Service including the imposition of ashes. Also All Saints have arranged a shared meal and prayer time at Connect from 6pm-10pm. Please contact the All Saints parish office for more details office@marpleparish.co.uk.

MORNING OF REFLECTION for Eucharistic Ministers at St.Vincent's, Bramhall on 29th February – 9.30am -1pm approx., Presenter is Margaret Lillis an experienced and gifted speaker. Please give names to Fr.Bill or Angela Gill on 425.3779.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 6th March, prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. This year we are hosting the evening Service here at Holy Spirit at 7pm. We hope many (men and women) will support. Afternoon Service at Ridge Methodist Church at 2pm. See poster on notice board.

FUNDRAISING

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: The Collection totalled £183 and our cheque has been sent to the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 6th March. In preparation for this year's family Fast Day Ciara Hogan, the Shrewsbury Director of Cafod, will speak at all weekend Mass next weekend February 22nd/23rd.

TRAIDCRAFT BIG BREW EVENT – 29th February 2-4pm . Marple URC on Hibbert Lane are hosting another Big Brew event to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange during Fairtrade Fortnight. Tea, coffee, cakes, a Traidcraft Stall and a Bring and Buy Stall. All welcome.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: We have received a letter of thanks from ACN for our Christmas Donation, which has been placed on the notice board. 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.