HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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1st March 2020
1st SUNDAY LENT

First Reading: (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7)
The creation and sin of our first parents.
Second Reading :(Romans 5:12-19)
However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.
Gospel: (Matthew 4:1-11)
Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for March: That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel, and grow in unity.

Sunday **6**pm 9am	**1st March** Martin&Gregory Sheehan Dec'd Moran Family Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am	**5th March** Eucharistic Service
Monday 10am	**2nd March** Private Intention	**Friday** 10am	**6th March** Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**3rd March** Albert McDermott **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am	**7th March** Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10am	**4th March** Private Intention	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**8th March** Deborah Deaville 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 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**	Saturdays 5.15pm-5.50pm and last Saturday of the month. Sundays in Lent 4pm
Collection:	£398.36p

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, Cyril & Eunice Nield.

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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… During this past week we celebrated Ash Wednesday the beginning of the 2020 Lenten Season. There was across the Universal Church the ***traditional blessing and distribution of Ashes*** As well as ***services here at Holy Spirit, Fr Bill also had services at St. Marys, Marple Bridge and St. Bernadette`s, Brinnington*** In this "Lenten period of forty days" Fr. Bill hopes that everyone, will be able to have some special time to reflect on their Faith Journey **as Jesus himself did for forty days** prior to taking up his ***Public Ministry*** Everyone needs the time to recommit themselves to the following of **Jesus,** sometimes we can become complacent. **On Thursday Evenings March 12th / 19th and 26th 7:15pm to 8:30pm /** Fr. Geoff O Grady, will give a **series of Three Talks here at Holy Spirit** on the **Year of the Word** which is being celebrated this year throughout all the **Diocese`s of England and Wales.** It would be encouraging to see a good turnout from our parish, for this **Series of Talks**. Last weekend we had **Ciara Hogan**, who leads **Cafod in the Shrewsbury Diocese, who thanked and encouraged all who continue to support the work of Cafod. Cafod Family Fast Day** is next **Friday 6th March**, Cafod Envelopes available on the **Table in the Church Foyer. Envelopes can be submitted any time during Lent.** On **Thursday last, Fr. Bill** led a time of **Prayer for Churches Together here in Marple,** it is hoped that it will become a monthly event. There is a **Morning of Recollection** being held on **Saturday April 4th at St Christopher`s Parish Centre, at Romiley.** The ***morning is especially for Eucharistic Ministers and will begin at 10am and end at 1pm*** It will be given by **Fr. Chris Matthews, the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies.** For the purposes of **Refreshments and printing material for Handouts, please let Fr. Bill know if you are planning to attend. Tax Payers** who have **donated regularly, or on a once a year basis, are now invited to complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form** ahead of the **Parish Financial end of Year on the 31st March. Just to be clear this claim for the "Development Fund"** is a separate claim from the **Offertory and Mission Together Gift Aid claims. Gift Aid Claim Forms** are on the **Table in the Church Foyer**, so once you have completed **your Gift Aid Form You can return it to Fr. Bill or Michael Blundell.** Once this **claim for the Development Fund is received,** it will be paid directly into the **Development Fund A/C.** The **Offertory and Mission Together Gift Aid** is paid into the **Parish`s Central Fund A/C held by the Diocese.** The **Parish Development Fund A/C is now at 14k as a result of the very successful Quiz night on Friday, thanks to Robert Moss and his team** for the organisation and to the **great crowd who attended.** The **February Envelopes** for the **Development Fund** are available on the **Table in the Church Foyer.** Each **Sunday during Lent at 4pm (starting this Sunday) there will be Stations of the Cross,** again this is an opportunity for some additional **Prayer and Reflection** for each of us **during Lent.** The **First Meeting of WELCOME** was held this **Saturday** and it will be held again on the last **Saturday** of each month, the next **meeting is Saturday March 28th. WELCOME is for anyone who is housebound, living on their own, recovering from illness, or feeling isolated**, the **Meeting begins with 11am Mass (for those who wish to attend) with Social Time & Eats at 11:30am. Transport is available for anyone who needs it, speak with Fr. Bill if you know of anyone who needs transport, and would like to attend.** There is a gentleman who lives at **22 Portland House, Carver Drive SK6-7QG** who is in **need of a lift to Saturday Evening Mass here at Holy Spirit,** if anyone can offer a lift, please speak with **Fr. Bill. Fr. Bill will write again next week.....**

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS: New Rotas are in the pigeon holes. We need more volunteers, please speak with Fr.Bill if you can help. Many thanks to all who already serve the parish in this way.

RAMBLING GROUP: List for 2020 Walks available from table in Church Foyer.

PROBUS is an Association for retired men and women. More women are encouraged to attend. Meets every 2nd Wednesday 10am-12noon – Talks etc., at Senior Citizens' Hall Marple Memorial Park.

`GROWING IN FAITH

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: Please pick up new Rota for March/April from the tray by the newsletter.

PASTORAL LETTER: Copies of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent are available at the back of Church

NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST.JOSEPH - 10th-18th March at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. You are invited to send petitions. See note on notice board for details.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – this Friday 6th March. This year the evening Service is here at Holy Spirit at 7pm. Please support. Afternoon Service at Ridge Methodist Church at 2pm. See poster.

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CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY – Friday 6th March -envelopes are available at the back of church and can be handed in throughout Lent.