CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: ------ ***LEIGH AVENUE: MARPLE: STOCKPORT:***

EIGHTEENTH– SUNDAY – IN – ORDINARY - TIME: ------ ***PARISH – NEWSLETTER:***

1st & 2nd AUGUST - 2020.

Saturday 1st. August:	***Vigil Mass: 4pm.***	***Int: / Ken/Mollie Howes. (70th Wedding Anniv)***
	Vigil Mass: 6pm.	***Int: / Maureen Matthews. (ill)***
Sunday 2nd. August:	***Morning Mass: 9am.***	***Int: / Parishioners.***
Wednesday 5th. August:	***Weekday Mass: 10am.***	***Int: / B & T Hennessey / Wedding Anniv/ Rem.***

Congratulations: ***To Mollie and Ken Howes, who are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary this coming week August 5th we wish them every blessing and happiness for the future.***

Fr. Bill Writes:

It is with sadness that we record the death of Paddy Maguire just prior to last weekend with his "Requiem Mass" being celebrated on Tuesday morning last here at Holy Spirit followed by Committal at the Rowan Chapel, Stockport Crematorium Paddy and his family were regular. Church attenders here at Holy Spirit, until ill health rendered him housebound some years ago. Deepest sympathies to his family, and may he rest in peace. Parishes across the diocese continue to celebrate Mass and make preparations to begin celebrating again other of the Sacraments, such as Confession, Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. Permission to begin preparations for "First Holy Communions and Confirmations" is not expected in the immediate future, because such preparation would present an issue with regard to "Social Distancing" as it would involve numbers of Children and Adults both for the preparation and celebration of both these sacraments. Fr. Bill is available now any time for the Celebration of Confession, please contact him by phone or e/mail so as to arrange a time. Fr. Bill will be available before either of the "Saturday Evening Vigil Masses" please call at the Presbytery Door and Fr. Bill will hear your Confession. Confessions will also be available after the 10:00am Wednesday morning Mass, in the "Meeting Room.In discussion with other priests across the diocese, Fr. Bill estimates that about half of regular Congregations across parishes of the diocese have returned to "Sunday Mass" and this is encouraging as there are still a lot Shielding and a number of Families still unsure about the safety aspect of having their Children mixing with Adult Congregations at Church. There is also the reminder that the Obligation to attend "Sunday Mass" remains in suspension. I think this will remain so until possibly the early Autumn. Fr. Bill would like to remind those shielding or recovering from other illnesses we have not forgotten you, you are in our parish prayers at Mass. The School Summer Holidays are now under way, so we invite Parents and extended Family Members caring for Children to take extra care during this period, we do not want fatal accidents to spoil the school holidays in our Local Communities.

Money Matters:
Thank you kindly to all who contributed so generously to last Weekends Offertory Collection:

Offertory Collection: / July 25th / 26th - £ 636:45p - Gracious Thanks for your Offertory Gifts.

Fr. Bill is thankful to all the Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit for the monies donated via

the "Offertory Collection" these are difficult times for peoples personal finances, with the threat to peoples employment etc, so it is pleasing that the maintenance of the parish is being taken care of. Thanks to those who have made donations to cover the weeks, that Holy Spirit was closed, these donations help greatly in keeping the Financial State of the Parish healthy. Should anyone wish to switch over to making their weekly donation by Standing Order then contact Mike Blundell on Tel: 427-1953.

Parish Newsletter & Other Church Ministries:

It is hoped to return to a fuller Parish Newsletter the week beginning 15/16 August, so if anyone has any notices they wish to have published, please hand them to Fr. Bill or Mary Abbott. (Can we invite Parishioners going forward to keep NOTICES brief and to the point, likewise three weeks prior to any event is sufficent notice) Fr. Bill will begin visiting those who are housebound with Holy Communion the week beginning August 16th and hopefully by the end of August our Eucharistic Ministers who are in a position to do so, can resume visiting "Private / Nursing & Rest Homes. For all such visits permission from those being visited will be a requirement.

MASS INTENTIONS:

*If anybody wishes to have **Mass offered** for any intention please use **one of the Mass Intention Envelopes** which are available from the **Tables at the Entrance & Exit to the Church.** Post the envelope through the **Presbytery Letter Box or put in the Offertory Basket or Hand to Fr. Bill.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS: --- EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

The "Gifts of God" cannot be bought or sold for monetary gain, they are ours if simply we get on Gods wave length, listening to the Word of God allowing the wisdom of our God like Solomon did to be our guide. The Word of God, Isaiah tells us is "Life Giving" In his "Letter to the Romans" Paul says the Love of God is so life transforming that we have no further need to worry, if this is what is guiding our way of life. Paul is consumed by this love of God, he never envisaged that he would be an Ambassator of the Good News, he is constantly in awe of the power of Gods Love. St. Matthew in this weekends Gospel is like wise extolling the abundance of Gods Love in yet another recounted appearance of Jesus after his Resurrection, the fulness of the "Fathers Love" manifested in the breaking of the Bread" No matter how many turnup at the "Eucharistic Table" there is plenty for all of us.

HOLY SPIRIT NEW – WEB/SITE: & NEW TWITTER PAGE:

*The new **Web-site: www.holyspiritmarple.com** is now up and fully operational. The Original Web -Site was the **brain child of Frank McCrystal** ably helped by **Frank Hollingsworth,** both have again helped **Chris Buxton** with the construction of the new **Web-Site,** gracious thanks to both for their advice & imput. ... **See Also The New Parish Twitter Page:** ... www.twitter.com/HolyMarple*

WEARING OF MASKS !!

It is recommended that all attending Mass should wear "Masks" however we have a few who for Medical or Hidden Disability reasons are unable to do so. Chris Buxton our Parish Adult Altar Server fits this Category of Hidden Disability, he will be Social Distancing not wearing a Mask.