HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
9th February 2020
DAY OF PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

First Reading: (Isaiah 58:7-10)
Then will your light shine like the dawn.
Second Reading :(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)
During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.
Gospel: (Matthew 5:13-16)
You are the light of the world.

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	**9th February** Parishioners Dr.Michael Strode	**Thursday** 10am	**13th February** Edna & Bill Harris
Monday 10am	**10th February** Eucharistic Service	**Friday** 10am	**14th February** Thanksgiving(Abbott)
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**11th February** Kathleen Rowson **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am	**15th February** Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10am	**12th February** Eucharistic Service	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**16th February** Irene&Bernard Coyne 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:	£564.53p

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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SOCIAL

Fr.Bill writes…

The Pastoral Visitation carried out by our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Mark Davies, last Weekend, was very satisfactory, and the bishop was suitably impressed by all aspects of parish life that he witnessed here at Holy Spirit, during the visit. He mentioned especially the number of families and children in attendance at the 9am Sunday Morning Mass, Fr. Bill explained that Parents / Guardians are invited to bring their children to Mass, so that they can be part of the Children`s Liturgy and so become familiar with the Mass an essential step in their preparation for the celebration of the First Sacraments. Fr. Bill would like to thank all those who helped in any way with the preparations for the visit, it is appreciated. Registration Forms for the 2020-21 First Sacrament Programme, are now available from the table in the Church Foyer. Please return the completed Registration Forms, personal to Fr. Bill. Sunday Mass is an essential step in the preparation for First Sacraments for all Candidates who register. The revived Parish Saint Vincent De-Paul Conference is starting to gain momentum, members are getting to experience what it is like to make a pastoral home visit /nursing home visit, in most cases, these visits are to Parishioners who have become housebound or become to frail to remain living in their own Home. The newly revived Conference would like to attract New Members so if your unsure about what the SVP do, or would like to know more, speak with Fr. Bill or David Matthews, the current President of the Conference. It was good to see our Altar Servers playing such an important part in the Liturgy during last weekends Pastoral Visit. If there are any other boys or girls who have celebrated the First Sacraments and would like to serve on the Altar, please speak with Chris or Fr. Bill. A New Venture entitled “WELCOME” will commence on Saturday 29th Feb, the Parish is teaming up with Right at Home /Stockport /Didsbury a company who deliver care in the home. Welcome will offer some social time, by brining together, those who are housebound, isolated, living alone, for Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room. It is open to those of any or no religion, so they can come along just for the Social Time if that is what they would prefer. Leaflets are currently being prepared which will give full information of what Welcome is. Thank you to all who made donations to last weeks Diocesan Collection for the Retired Clergy Fund. There are still Monthly Envelopes available for the Re-Development Fund, the January donations will be counted this coming week. Fr Bill is appreciative of the generous effort put in by most Parishioners to donate to the fund. Bishop Mark was very complimentary on the Refurbishment of the Presbytery, Fr. Bill, reminded the bishop that it had come a cost to the Parishioners, as will future refurbishments, hence the need for continuous maintenance.

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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.

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

WELLSPRING WALK: Thank you to all who supported this. We raised £233 in this parish. The full amount from all churches will be available later.

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 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.