HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
8th March 2020
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: (Genesis 12:1-4)
The call of Abraham, father of the People of God.
Second Reading :(2 Timothy 1:8-10)
God calls and enlightens us.
Gospel: (Matthew 17:1-9)
His face shone like the sun.

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	**8th March** Deborah Deaville Stephen Daniel Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am **7.15pm**	**12th March** Private Intention **1st Lenten Talk**
Monday 10am	**9th March** Eucharistic Service	**Friday** 10am	**13th March** Private Intention
Tuesday 10am **4pm** E	**10th March** Eunice Nield (Sick) **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am	**14th March** Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10am	**11th March** Eucharistic Service	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**15th March** Thomas Costello 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:	£441.31p

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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Despite the forecast for a fourth Atlantic Storm in five weeks, we escaped lightly last weekend, other areas, including already flooded areas had more heavy rain. We continue to remember in prayer all who have lost their homes and businesses in our country, as a result of ongoing Climate Change, along with those across our World who have also lost homes and businesses due to ongoing War and Violence. Fr. Bill would like to re-issue his invitation to families with Children in years 3 and 4 at local Primary Schools, to Register their child for the First Sacraments. Registration Forms are available from the Table in the Church Foyer. The essential first step for preparation and reception of "First Sacraments" is regular ongoing attendance at Sunday Mass. We are as a Parish in a transition period for the reception of "First Sacraments" from years 3 to 4 for those at Primary School. We have however a number of Children in year 3 at Primary Schools who are ready for the celebration of First Sacraments this year, with others who will be ready in due course. (Please hand in your Completed Registration Form, to Fr. Bill.) On Saturday 29th February we had our first meeting of our Community Group / "WELCOME" We had an attendance of about twenty seven, which was a great start, many attended Mass and the anointing of the Sick, others came along for the Social Time that began at 11:30am. The next Meeting of Welcome is on Saturday March 28th 11am. Mass / 11:30am. Social time and refreshments, all are most welcome. Thank you to the members of our newly formed SVP Conference for their help and support for "WELCOME." Last weekend a handout on the Corona Virus was available to all who attended Weekend Masses, still some available from the table in the Church Foyer. On Sunday last the Parish Management & Finance Team, Angela Kendrick, Brid Hindley, Robert Moss, Michael Blundell, and Fr Bill had a meeting, and agreed to implement the suggested steps from Part 1 & 2 of the handout issued by the Conference of English and Welsh Bishops. The Parish Finance and Management Team now invite you to read : ("The Attached Sheet") and to do your best to follow the "Preventative Steps" that they have outlined. (Circumstances surrounding the outbreak, of the Corona Virus are changing by the hour, it may well be that by the time we arrive at the "Weekend" that the Steps outlined on the attached sheet will have to be further reviewed.) The recent Fundraising Quiz Night which was so well supported raised £1682 and added to Monthly Donations along with some one off donations the Development Fund now stands at over 20k. Gracious thanks to Robert and Margaret Moss and their team, who put in so much effort and hard work into organising the event. There are about 45+ Parishioners / Friends of the Parish who donate monthly to the Development Fund A/C and who have indicated that they are Gift Aiders. We now invite those Parishioners and Friends of the Parish to fill in a New Gift Aid Form in favour of the Development A/C. Gift -Aid for the Development A/C is totally separate from the Offertory or Mission together Gift Aid Claims. "Gift Aid Forms" are on the table in the Church Foyer, if we can have completed forms returned to Fr. Bill or Michael Blundell by Sunday 22nd of March then they can be submitted for a claim, before the end of March, which is the end of the Financial Year 2019/2020. Fr. Geoff O Grady will join us here at Holy Spirit on next Thursday Evening March 12th at 7:15pm for the first in a series of three talks on the Year of the Word, so Fr. Bill would be pleased to see a good attendance. On this Sunday afternoon at 4pm Fr Bill will conduct the Vigil Liturgy for St. Pauline, a member of the Evron Community at St. Bernadette`s Parish, who has died after a lengthy illness. Her Requiem Mass will also be celebrated by Fr. Bill on Monday at 10:15am. Sr. Pauline was one of the Sisters who administered the Parish of St. Bernadette`s for the twelve years, when they had no priest, before Fr. Bill took on the role of Parish Priest along with Holy Spirit, Parish. Fr. Chris Dwyer, one of our retired priests, has also died, he gave fifty plus years of service to the diocese. May they rest in peace. **Fr. Bill will write again next week.....**

QUIZ NIGHT: We raised £1,682.10p. Many thanks for your support.

GROWING IN FAITH

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

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.

FUNDRAISING

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

CAFOD: We have sent a cheque to CAFOD for £266.21p in respect of tea/coffee in the Meeting Room during 2019.