HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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12th January 2020
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

First Reading: (Isaiah 42:1-4 6-7)
Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.
Second Reading :(Acts 10:34-38)
God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Gospel: (Matthew 3:13-17)
As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for January: That Christians, followers of other religions and all people of good will may promote peace and justice in the world.

Sunday 6pm 9am	**12th January** Joseph Kan Hai Alan Foster Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am	**16th January** Special Inten.(Abbott)
Monday 10am	**13th January** Richard Armes	**Friday** 10am	**17th January** Norma Torres
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**14th January** Eucharistic Service **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 11am	**18th January** Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 10am	**15th January** Frank & Mary McGill and family	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**19th January** Charles Taylor 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:	£457.95p White Flower Appeal £320.

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… The Festive side of the Christmas and New Year celebrations have now come to an end, however we are still in the Liturgical Season of Christmas. Schools and places of work are catching up with the momentum of the New Year 2020. We wish all our School Communities every blessing and success for the New Year 2020 and the coming Spring Term. There will be Children joining the School Campus for the first time alongside the more seasoned veterans, facing the new challenges of the coming year. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, again reminding us of the mighty life giving events surrounding the coming of Jesus as one like ourselves in everything but Sin. This weekend Holy Spirit welcomes Fr.Joseph Archibong, of the Kilteagan Missionary Society, who will supply the Weekend Masses and also make a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Kilteagan Missionary Society. I am sure in keeping with the tradition of Holy Spirit, he will receive a warm welcome and your generous support. Fr.Bill would also like to thank all those who helped with Audrey Turner's Requiem and the Reception that followed. Audrey contributed richly to the Parish during her lifetime, it was pleasing to see that she received a generous farewell. Next Sunday 19th January at 6pm there will be a Special Service of Induction here at Holy Spirit as Fr.Bill takes the Chair of Churches Together in Marple and Mellor. This will be the first time for over thirty years that Holy Spirit has occupied the Chair of Churches Together. Marian Thompson of Holy Spirit Parish is currently a very efficient Secretary of Churches Together. Fr.Bill and Marian will during this coming week prepare the Order of Service for the Induction. Fr.Bill would appreciate a good turnout on the evening by way of welcome for the Visitors from the other Churches and by way of personal support. It is also World Day of Prayer for Peace, and how much we need to pray for peace at this time, so do please make a special effort to attend. The Registration Forms for Potential First Sacraments Candidates will be available from the Weekend of February 1st/2nd. Bishop Mark will conduct his five-year Pastoral Visitation of Holy Spirit Parish on the Weekend of February 1st/2nd. Fr.Bill has already filled in and submitted a 14 page Visitation Form in Preparation for the Pastoral Visit!! On the weekend of the Visitation, Bishop Mark will inspect and sign all the Parish Registers. He will be the main Celebrant at all weekend Masses. If anyone wants to speak personally with him he will be available after the 6pm Saturday Evening Vigil Mass and again after the 9am Sunday Morning Mass. A big thank you for the very generous continued support for the Special Monthly Redevelopment Collection. The Fund has now reached 12k after 7 months, it looks promising that we will be able to progress plans for the proposed New Church Entrance some time later this year. I invite everyone who can do so to continue to support the Monthly Collection. There will also be some other Fundraising events coming up in the near future!! Fr.Bill will resume Parish duties on this Monday morning with Daily Mass at 10am.
Fr.Bill will write again next week.

GROWING IN FAITH

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION for January is on the front of the newsletter.
CHURCHES TOGETHER – UNITED SERVICE – Sunday January 19th, 6pm here at Holy Spirit
when Fr.Bill is taking over the role of Churches Together Chair. Please try to come to welcome Christians from other churches and to give him your prayerful support.

FUNDRAISING

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: Thank you for your support last weekend for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) the amount raised was £320.
THANK YOU: Letters of thanks have been received from Wood Street Mission and also from The Wellspring, which have been placed on the Notice Board.
ODD COIN BOTTLE COLLECTION: Many thanks to all who contribute to this collection which goes to our Mission in Zambia. The recent Collection totalled £34.Your continued support for the poor and needy there is very much appreciated, and you are all assured of their prayerful remembrance.
WELLSPRING WALK is on **25th January**. More details later.
AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: We will be sending our Christmas Donation this week to help Christians suffering persecution, remembering especially at this time, those being driven out of their homes in the Holy Land of Jesus' birth. Please continue to pray and support all Christians suffering persecution. 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.