HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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19th January 2020
2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

First Reading: (Isaiah 49:3, 55-6)
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.
Second Reading :(1 Corinthians 1:1-3)
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
Gospel: (John 1:29-34)
Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

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	**19th January** Charles Taylor Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am	**23rd January** Thanksgiving (Birch)
Monday 10am	**20th January** Winston Fraser	**Friday** 10am	**24th January** Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**21st January** Eucharistic Service **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** 10am 11am	**25th January** Adoration/Confession Rita Lanigan
Wednesday 10am	**22nd January** James Webb	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**26th January** Audrey Turner 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:	£311.31p Standing Orders (December) £989.37p Special Collection St.Patrick's Missionary Society £677.27p.

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… As we journey into the New Year 2020 there are many new challenges to be faced by the Families of our Parish, as well as by our Parish Community and our Country at large. In our World at the present time there is a need for Wise Leadership as the Super Powers shuffle aggressively to gain Political Supremacy which causes all of us Citizens of the World to be anxious, and not without justification. This Sunday January 19th is "World Day of Prayer" for peace in our world. Each of us as Citizens of the World can contribute to this peace by our actions and our prayers. This Sunday Evening at 6pm there will be a Churches Together Service here at "Holy Spirit" firstly to install Fr.Bill as The Chair of Churches Together for Marple/Mellor and secondly to mark the Day of Special Prayer for World Peace so why not come and be part of the Service, joining together with friends from the neighbouring Churches in the area to support Fr.Bill in his new role as Chair, and pray for World Peace. Fr.Bill returned to Pastoral Duties last Monday, and would like to thank those who took care of the various aspects of Parish Life while he was away on vacation, such support and help is greatly appreciated and valued. Frs.Ambrose Nicholson and Joseph Archibong supplied the weekend Masses the latter making an Appeal on behalf of St.Patrick's Missionary Society gracious thanks to all who supported the "Mission Appeal" your generosity is appreciated. The five year Pastoral Visitation of "Holy Spirit Parish" will take place on the Weekend of February 1st/2nd 2020 by our Diocesan Bishop, Rt.Rev.Mark Davies. He will celebrate the Saturday Evening 6pm Vigil Mass and Sunday Morning 9am Mass. During his visit Bishop Mark will inspect and sign the Parish Registers. The main requirement from our Parishioners for the "Pastoral Visitation" will be to turn out in large numbers, Diocesan Bishops, judge the viability or otherwise of Parishes by the attendances at weekend Masses when they make their five yearly Pastoral Visitation, and this influences their decision about future appointments regarding Priestly appointments for that particular parish going forward, so Parishioners and Friends please note the importance of February 1st and 2nd for Holy Spirit Parish. Fr.Bill continues to encourage Families to bring their children along to the 9am Sunday Morning Mass and Children's Liturgy; the celebration of the First Sacraments can only be celebrated if Prospective Candidates are regular Sunday Mass Goers; the time when Candidates made an appearance at Sunday Mass for a few weeks is over. Fr.Bill would also like to remind any couples thinking about getting married, that the minimum notice is six months; as Fr.Bill administers both Holy Spirit and St.Bernadette's Brinnington he cannot guarantee his availability to any couple giving less than Six Months notice of wishing to be married at either Church. Baptisms are always by appointment with Fr.Bill, who will do his best to provide the date and time requested by the Family. Confessions are celebrated each Saturday Evening 5pm-5.45pm. the Last Saturday of each Month 10am-10.50am and anytime on request by contacting Fr.Bill. Fr.Bill is likewise happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) at any time, either by calling at the Presbytery (by appointment) or making a House Call on request. Please do inform Fr.Bill when you know of a Parishioner or Friend of the Parish who is sick and would like Fr.Bill to call. Thanks again for the ongoing support for the Monthly Special Collection for the Redevelopment Fund it is appreciated and valued; January Envelopes available from the table in the Church Foyer. Fr.Bill was reminded of the need to have the Church Entrance replaced as soon as possible, the winds of the last few days blowing through the existing Doors, not allowing the Central Heating to function to anywhere near its capacity. **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 – this 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

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who supported St.Patrick's Missionary Appeal last weekend, a total of £677.27p was raised. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
WELLSPRING PRAYER WALK next Saturday **25th January**. The sponsored walk starts here at Holy Spirit at 9.45am. Some members of our Rambling Group are doing the full walk (About 10 miles) and would welcome you to join them or to sponsor them. This year also some churches will be open for private prayer for those who would like to be involved but do a shorter walk: St.Paul's, Strines 10am-12 noon, St.Thomas', Mellor all day; St.Martin's, Brabyns Brow 1pm-3.30pm. Make your own way there, suggestions for prayer and Wellspring donation boxes will be in the churches. Sponsor form and more details at the back of church.
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.