HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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8th November 2020
32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

First Reading: (Wisdom 6:12-16):
Wisdom is found by those who look for her.
Second Reading : (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.
Gospel: (Matthew 25:1-13)
The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for November: That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Sunday **Church closed**	**8th November**	**Thursday** **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**12th November** **1.30pm-2.45p** **EXPOSITION**
Monday **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**9th November** **1.30pm-2.45pm.** **EXPOSITION**	**Friday**	
Tuesday **Church closed**		**Saturday** **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**14th November** **2pm-3.15pm** **EXPOSITION**
Wednesday **Church closed**			

One decade of the Rosary	**Suspended**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary	**Suspended**
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	After Mass on Wednesdays or by appointment.
Collection	£355.10p (25th October) Development Fund October Donations £95

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, Marie Hayes, George Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Clare Hadlow, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, John Kirrane.

.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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It did not seem inevitable that if a second national “Lockdown” was called for, that our “Churches” would be required to close for “Services” in our case for the celebration of Mass. We are all therefore surprised and disappointed that despite all our success in fighting “Covid 19” we are lumped in with all other “Public Buildings” that are required to close. It is most discouraging for all our “Covid Leads & Stewards” who have done an exemplary job in keeping all who have attended Mass since July's reopening safe. The various “denominations” understand that they have a duty to give “Leadership” with regard to fighting “Covid 19” and they have carried out that role to the fullest extent possible. We can only pray and hope that the “Lockdown” will only be for the period of time “legislated for” and the vital “R figure of 1“ is surpassed downwards by December 2nd so that this “second national lockdown” can be lifted and we can prepare for the “Liturgy of Advent & Christmas” as well as the “Annual Seasonal Family Celebrations” This unquestionably has been a very testing year for all churches, there has been much uncertainty, which has disrupted the normal events of the “Liturgical Year.” We would in a normal year on this weekend have “Remembrance” an extremely important event for our nation. We are invited, despite not being able to remember at our Masses, all those who generously gave their lives in the “Service of their Nation” in the “Great Wars “ and the many other “National and Inter-National Conflicts” across the years. I think it is true to say that we are delighted that our schools are able to remain open considering the new restrictions, we are aware of the tremendous volume of time and work required by everyone in our “School Communities” so that our schools can remain safely open, and we express our sincere thanks to all involved. Whilst we cannot celebrate our usual Sunday and Weekday Masses until after December 2nd we are allowed to open for Periods of “Private Prayer” which must be supervised by our Stewards. So beginning from this coming Monday November 9th these will be times for “Private Prayer” for the coming week: Monday 1.30pm-2.45pm Thursday 12th November 1.30pm-2.45pm. Saturday 14th 2pm-3.15pm.There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during these prayer times. Fr. Bill will continue to offer Mass in Private during the period of Lockdown or the Holy Souls and any other intentions submitted.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 32nd SUNDAY – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The opening reading this weekend is from the “Book of Wisdom” written shortly before the time of Christ, and was probably written with the intention of showing off just how superior Jewish teaching was over Greek philosophy. It also wanted to show how much superior the “Leadership” such as Solomon’s was in comparison to the “Roman” rulers the “Caesar’s” It was also written to exhort readers to allow their own knowledge, and their encounter with the “Wisdom of God” to impact upon their thoughts, behaviour, as well as their daily living. Paul in his “Letter to the Thessalonians” encourages them to continue in their belief in Jesus’ resurrection, they are concerned about those who are dead prior Jesus’ second coming. Their belief regarding death was that it was “final” and would consist of “nothingness” and that all was over once our final breath had been drawn. Paul reminds them that they must now console themselves with the promises of eternal life, given by Jesus in his resurrection. “Jesus’ Resurrection” assures his people of a place in the “Realm of Glory” even those who had died before his resurrection. In today’s “Gospel Parable” Matthew's Community understood this parable as reflecting “Gods unfolding plan of Salvation.” The Jews failed to be ready for Jesus, the ultimate “Bridegroom“ they were compared to the “ Foolish Virgins.” Others, including Gentiles, we’re ready to receive the “Bridegroom” and participate in the reign of “God's Kingdom” these were compared to the “Five Wise Virgins”