HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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26th January 2020
3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: (Isaiah 8:23-9:3)
In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.
Second Reading :(1 Corinthians l:10-13,17)
Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.
Gospel: (Matthew 4:23)
He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

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	**26th January** Audrey Turner Parishioners	**Thursday** 10am	**30th January** Eucharistic Service
Monday 10am	**27th January** Julia&Christopher Cronin	**Friday** 10am	**31st January** Thanksgiving (Hennessy)
Tuesday 10am **4pm**	**28th January** Eucharistic Service **Adoration/Rosary**	**Saturday** **10am** 11am Mass	**1st February** Adoration/Confession Audrey Fishwick
Wednesday 10am	**29th January** Frances Wilson	**Sunday** 6pm 9am	**2nd February** Parishioners Maureen O'Donovan

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:	£317.44p Christmas Crib Donations £198.33p..

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… Holy Spirit Parish this coming week will be in preparation mode for the **Pastoral Visitation** of our Diocesan Bishop, **Rt.Rev.Mark Davies. Pastoral Visitation** happens every five years approximately, it is one of the functions of a **diocesan bishop,** to visit the **Parishioners of each parish** within his particular diocese. **Bishop Mark will inspect the Parish Registers** to ensure that they are up to date. The Bishop will be the **Chief Celebrant** at the **6pm Vigil Mass and 9am Sunday Morning Mass** and Fr.Bill will concelebrate with him. It is important that as many **Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** as is possible are **in attendance; with a smaller number of priests available for appointments these days, Diocesan Bishops are always seeking opportunities to cluster neighbouring parishes. The Annual Diocesan Collection for the "Retired Priests of the Diocese"** will be taken up **Next Weekend February 1st and 2nd.** Many of our **Parishioners and Friends of the Parish are already contributing to this fund through their participation in Mission Together** or a **personal standing order** so they do not need to worry about the **Collection, unless they wish to make a further donation. Fr.Bill invites Parishioners and Friends of the Parish** not making a regular donation via the above to consider using this **Annual Diocesan Collection** to make their donation. If you can **Gift Aid your donation** please use one of the **Special Gift Aid Envelopes for the Fund available from the table in the Church Foyer.** There are a **number of parishes in the Shrewsbury Diocese** who without the **weekly ministry of our retired priests would not have a regular Sunday Mass,** as well as **supplying Masses** when priests are on holidays or on sick leave. **Fr.Bill** would like to thank all who helped with the **preparation of the Church Unity Service last Sunday evening as well as those parishioners and friends who attended.** The comments from all who attended were **very complimentary. Fr.Bill was inducted as the Chair of Churches Together** for the **Marple Area** for the coming **year 2020. Fr.Bill** is currently preparing the **Registration Form** for the "**First Sacraments Programme"** copies of which will be **available next weekend. Fr.Bill** will speak **individually with each Candidate's family** once all the **Registration Forms are received**, to discuss their **Child's readiness. Enrolment** is the next step after **Registration and Candidates will only be invited to make that step** when Fr.Bill, the Candidate, and Candidate's family are happy that they are ready. **Regular Attendance at Sunday Mass, will be considered an essential part of the preparation,** and the turnout of **families at Sunday Morning Mass** is very encouraging at this time, so **thank you to all our families who come to Mass on Sunday Mornings.** The newly formed **Parish SVP Conference** have had a number of **Conference Meetings,** the **Members** have also begun their work of **visiting Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit** who have indicated that they would like a visit in their own homes. **The Conference** could do with some more **Members** as already the **number of Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit** asking to be visited is growing. If there is anyone wishing to know more about **the work of the SVP speak with David Matthews, the current Conference President or Fr.Bill.** The **Parish Redevelopment Fund** is gradually in the process of building up, it has gone over the sum of **12k.** The **Parish Finance and Management Team,** will make some minor adjustments to make it run more smoothly, in the **New Financial Year. Currently** about **35 of the Special Monthly Envelopes** are used to make a **Monthly Donation, 10 families** have made a one off **Yearly Donation, 26%** of the remaining **60 Families** are contributing via their **commitment to "Our Mission Together". Fr.Bill will write again next week.**
SAVE THE DATE!! The Annual Holy Spirit Quiz Night will take place on **Friday 28th February** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and will be available from this weekend.

GROWING IN FAITH

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

FUNDRAISING

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WELLSPRING PRAYER WALK - took.place yesterday 25th January. Sponsor Form is at the back of Church for those wishing to make a donation.
AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: We have sent a Christmas Donation of £300 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.