HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
4th October 2020
27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Isaiah 5:1-7)
The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.
Second Reading :(Philippians 4:6-9)
The God of peace will be with you.
Gospel: (Matthew 21:33-43)
He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for October: That by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Sunday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **9am**	**4th October** **Parishioners** **John Brown** **Audrey & Peter Turner**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**6th October**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**7th October** **John Lawton**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**11th October** **Edna & Bill Harris** **Jack Leeson** **Parishioners**

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	£221.22p

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, Steven Platts, Fr.Kevin Gradwell, Clare Hadlow, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield.

.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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The past week has seen measures to do with Covid 19 being tightened considerably in most areas of the British Isles and indeed across many areas of our World. The R -Rate has once again climbed above the Figure of One, and is nearing Two in some instances. A very sizeable number of the population here at home are adhering strictly to what the government authorities are asking by way of "Directives" while a hard core are clearly refusing to come on board. It is obvious to most people by now that this virus Covid 19 is not your "ordinary run of the mill virus" it is likely to play a major part in the "Health of the World's Populations" well into the future, in other words we are not going to have a quick fix any time soon. This means that a sizeable number of people in every country will die if they pick up the virus, we as individuals, can help greatly to limit transmission by adhering and implementing "government directives" in our everyday lives. Fr. Bill is most appreciative to all our "Stewards here at Holy Spirit" who give so generously of their time to ensure that as far as is humanly possible, everyone attending our Church Services are safe. Fr. Bill is also thankful to Mary Abbott, who has restored our weekly Newsletter, and is working on a new "Readers Rota". Grace, is likewise working behind the scenes in the Sacristy preparing things for the celebration of Weekend and Mid-Week Masses and other events. Mike Blundell is taking care of all aspects of our Parish Finances, no small task, so thank you Mike. It was with sadness on Monday morning last that we heard of the death of Fr. Michael Dyson our former Parish Priest here at " Holy Spirit" for a period of six years. He was affectionately known as Fr. Mike by a large number of parishioners. His health deteriorated very quickly recently after he was told that he was suffering from a terminal illness. Once we learn of his funeral arrangements there will be a "Memorial Mass" here at Holy Spirit, to run alongside his Requiem as only thirty people will be able to attend his requiem, and many here at "Holy Spirit" will want to have an opportunity to remember Fr. Mike, and pray for the happy repose of his soul. I personally worked alongside Fr. Mike in neighbouring parishes in the diocese on three occasions, and he was always supportive, and jovial, and had hospitality as his hallmark. May he rest in peace. Last Sunday here at "Holy Spirit" we received into the Church in the Sacrament of Baptism " Maja Torba" thanks to her parents and extended family who made the preparations for Maja's baptism. The funeral Service Brian John Hannon took place at here at "Holy Spirit" on Monday last, followed by Committal at Rowan Chapel,Stockport Crematorium, and also on Tuesday last Fr. Bill conducted the Funeral Service of Anne Kathleen Lee, also at the Rowan Chapel at Stockport Crematorium, May they rest in peace. Fr. Bill would like to express his thanks to so many people in the "Parish Community" for their continued support across so many areas of Parish Life in these very challenging times, it is greatly valued and appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 27TH SUNDAY

For our "first Reading" this Sunday we have Isaiah' Love Ballad .... depicting a God who loves Israel throughout its "Salvation History" God named Israel as his choice Vineyard, but it produced only a "Sour Harvest of Grapes." How do we respond to Gods invitation given to us at our Baptism, and renewed each time we eat and drink at the Lords Table ? There was very little God could have done, the people of Judah refused the invitation to love him, and it is the same for us, if we refuse to love and honour God. In the second reading, St. Paul counsels the Churches of Philippi on how to live in community. Paul tells them that unnecessary worry and anxiety drain the positive energy out of all in the community, he was well aware the pressure that people were feeling under trying to live the Gospel in a secular and hostile world. These same pressures exist for us believers today, it is easy to loose heart when sometimes we appear to be the only believer in our family, or circle of friends, it can be a lonely journey, that requires tenacity and lots of perseverance in prayer. Eucharist, strengthens us to recognise, and realise the reign of God here on earth. In doing so we see the need to live in peace, violence has no place as we conform our lives to mirror that of Jesus. October is the month of the Rosary, please make an effort to pray the Rosary at home and whenever you can, seeking the intercession of Our Lady for your own personal needs and for those of our world.

OCTOBER 9th CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Please read the attached sheet for details of the Appeal and how to donate if you wish. We are not collecting money in Church this year.