HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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15th November 2020
33nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)
A perfect wife – who can find her?
Second Reading : (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)
Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.
Gospel: (Matthew 25:14-30)
You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

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

Sunday **Church closed**	**15th November**	**Thursday** **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**19th November** **1.30pm-2.45p** **EXPOSITION**
Monday **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**16th November** **1.30pm-2.45pm.** **EXPOSITION**	**Friday**	
Tuesday **Church closed**		**Saturday** **Church Open for Private Prayer**	**21st 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 Private Prayer or by appointment.
Collection	£395.03p (1st November)

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, 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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Despite the many Petitions and Protests by the Leaders and Members of the various Denominational Churches and Places of Worship in the lead up to the "2nd. National Lockdown" we still were included among the Public Buildings that were required to shut our doors. It remains to be seen if we will at some stage receive from the Government "Data or Statistics" supporting the reason why "Churches and Places of Worship" were required to close, taking into account the exceptional high rate of success achieved by Churches and Places of Worship in preventing the transmission of Covid 19. Having expressed our disappointment in a respectful but vocal manner, we have now moved on in our Christian Communities and Parishes to support our Parishioners and indeed any one else who needs comfort or support.This past week our "Private Prayer Sessions" had a good attendance in a prayerful atmosphere of silence and sacred music, despite our disappointment of not being able to have "Public Mass" God still finds a way to enable us to have quality time in his presence. I was also reflecting on last "Sunday" when we would normally mark "Remembrance" in our Churches, and the many times that I was privileged to lead MOD & RAF Remembrance Services, a reminder of all the Sacrifices that were made, and still continue to be made by so many as we fight the World wide battle against "Covid 19." Fr. Bill and Parishioners are most thankful to our Stewards who continue to give generously of their time, so that our Church remains open for a time of "Exposition and Private Prayer" three times a week. Many Churches across all Denominations are struggling with stewarding, so thanks to Robert Moss for being able to coordinate our Stewarding so effectively, it is greatly appreciated by all of us. Mass for the "Holy Souls" is continuing to be celebrated by Fr. Bill privately, and all the "Names of the Deceased Families" placed in front of the "High Altar" are prayed for at each Mass. November is a "Special Time" of remembrance for the members of "Our Families" who have gone before us marked with the "Sign of Faith" I noted last Sunday was also Fr. Joseph Prendiville's twenty second anniversary. Fr. Bill has had some queries about "Advent and Christmas": at our Parish Management & Finance meeting in October it was decided that we would decorate Church, erect the Crib, put up the Advent & Christmas Banners etc. Fr. Bill is currently putting together a "Programme" for the Advent and Christmas Seasons" which he will publish for the "First Sunday of Advent" which is two days before "Lockdown" ends on December 2nd.
So for now keep safe, help to keep others safe by following closely the "Government directives." The possibility of a "Vaccine" in the near future is great news, but as the "Prime Minister" reminded us we need firstly to control this present spike of "Covid 19"

SCRIPTURE READINGS 33rd SUNDAY

This Sunday is the final Sunday in Ordinary Time for this "Liturgical Year" next Sunday we will round off this "Liturgical year 2019/2020 with the annual feast of " Christ The Universal King." There is a sense of urgency in this Sunday's readings, which is to be expected as we contemplate what has been celebrated in the past year, and get ready for new beginnings. St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians is anxious to remind the Community of the need for alertness with regard to Christ's second coming if he comes under the cover of darkness. Christ will come not steal but to reward us for the journey of our lives, that call is not associated with an earthly time scale, which we may have set for ourselves, hence the need for us to be ever ready like the " Five Wise Virgins" in last Sunday's Gospel. That call has and continues to come for so many as a result of Covid 19, how often we are hearing the total surprise in the voices of families recalling their trauma resulting from the unexpected loss of a family member to Covid 19. November is also a "time of remembering" set aside at the end of each "liturgical Year" by the Universal Catholic Church" to re-emphasise again the Catholic Churches teaching on "eternal life after death." We are invited to live out our earthly lives in the hope of attaining this everlasting union with God. St. Matthew in his Gospel this weekend reminds us that we are all at the service of God, given different gifts and talents to help us in our preparation for union with him. There is one certainty in that we will all have to account for these talents that God has gifted us with in the here and now. St.Matthew reminds us that excuses as to why we have failed to use "Those Gifts" will be no defence when we are called to give an account of "Our Stewardship" St. Thomas Acquinas said "that God gives us the necessary tools" for life's tasks. .

WOOD STREET MISSION: Because of Lockdown 2 it is not possible for us to go to shops and buy toys for Wood Street Mission as we have done the past two years. However, they have a website, which gives details of how you an make cash donations or buy selected items on line which can be delivered directly to Wood Street. Our help is needed more than ever this year so please give if you can. The Website address is https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/our-projects/christmas/

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Due to Covid restrictions rather than send Christmas cards to members of the parish this year we invite you to make a donation to Cafod, then send an email with a Christmas message to: holyspiritxmas20@gmail.com and we will post these on the website.