HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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1st November 2020
31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading: (Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14)
I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.
Second Reading : (1 John 3:1-3)
We shall see God as he really is.
Gospel: (Matthew (5:1-12)
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

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

Sunday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **9am**	**1st November ALL SAINTS** **Bill, Ismay & Stephen Daniel** **Thanksgiving Fr.James Robinson 60th Anniversary** **Parishioners**	**Thursday**	**5th November**
Monday **12 Noon** **5pm Brinnington**	**2nd November ALL SOULS** **Fr.Michael Dyson**	**Friday**	**6th November**
Tuesday 2	**3rd November**	**Saturday**	**7th November**
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions** **10.30am**	**4th November** **Win Bland**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm Vigil** **9am**	**8th November** **Remembrance Sunday** **Irene&Bernard Coyne** **Brian Abbott** **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	£336 (18th October)

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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This past week has seen most of our local schools on “half term break” and despite the fact that the weather has not been great, never the less it was great to see families out and about in the countryside. This has and continues to be a difficult year for families, the “Covid 19” restrictions has seriously curtailed their freedom, especially with regard to what they can and cannot do in their leisure time. An amount of the venues that were able to provide pastime activities have had to close down, as part of the restrictions that make up “Tier 3.” It is difficult to make any predictions regarding a time scale for “Tier 3” for the question is being asked if the R does not fall below the acceptable level of 1 then what will the next steps be with regard to restrictions ? European countries once again seem to be at the centre of “Spike 2” and many countries are afraid to impose a full lockdown, as whole economies are in danger of going under. It is a time that we need to remain fervent in prayer, there is no doubt but that our celebration of Mass is a great comfort and solace to so many of our Parishioners and Friends of the Parish, when we consider that in Wales and the Republic of Ireland all Churches have closed for a second time this year. Fr. Bill again says a big thank you to all who are attending “Weekend and Weekday Masses” for the great level of support with the directives, this makes it easier for those who are “Stewarding” This weekend we are celebrating the “Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls” on Sunday we celebrate the “Feast of all Saints” remembering all those who have been elevated to “Sainthood” and on Monday the “Feast of All Souls” Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon which will double up as the “Memorial Mass for Fr. Dyson and the Mass for the Feast of All Souls” There is a “Track & Trace Sheet” on the table in the Entrance Hall for this Mass, if you are attending this Mass, your name needs to be on that sheet. (so far there are about 40 names on it, still room for another 30) It would be nice to have a full house. Last weekend attached to the “Newsletter” was the November Dead List Sheet, returned sheets can be placed in the basket on the step in front of the altar. If anyone did not receive a list, there are some available on the table in the entrance hall, so please pick one up. One of the weekend Masses during November will be celebrated for the intention of the “Holy Souls” I have attached a copy of a published article from the October Catholic Herald on Mother Elizabeth Prout, also known as the Mother Teresa of Manchester, which makes very interesting reading. Please remember that Fr. Bill is available to hear confessions before the “Vigil Masses” on a Saturday evening, just simply come into the sacristy, and on Wednesday mornings after the 10am Mass, in the Meeting Room. On the Weekend of November 14 / 15 the “Annual Diocesan Collection” for the training of Students for the Priesthood” will be taken up, I remind those who are contributing to “Mission Together” that part of your Monthly contribution is going directly to this fund, so there is no obligation to contribute further unless you wish to do so. I invite anyone not part of “Mission Together” to think about a donation, baskets will be available on the weekend for your voluntary donation. This year the diocese have had two Ordinations, and there are a number of Students at an advanced stage of their studies to the Priesthood.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – ALL SAINTS

In the reading from Revelation this weekend, we are reminded that it is through the Sacrament of Baptism that we are transformed and washed clean by the blood of the Lamb, the fundamental vision here seems to be repentance, conversion, and baptism taken together as a total transformation of the person. The image presented of the last tribulation or trial is an exhortation to persevere on the road to total conversion. It is the person who perseveres and endures who will share in the salvation offered in the pascal mystery, some who have persevered have been elevated to Sainthood. In the second of the readings this weekend St. John’s message once again points out Gods Love for his people. If we could only keep Gods love in our consciousness, then we would hand over our entire lives to God, on a daily basis. Without the eyes of Faith, Jesus’ identity still remains unidentifiable to the World. Faith on the other hand gives us a new vision of Gods glory in the here and now, and prepares us for its acceptance in the Life to come. This Feast of ALL Saints celebrates the “Triune God” who gathers the foreshadowing of our own future participation” in the “Heavenly Banquet.” Today’s feast is an extended reflection on the hope we are living out when we celebrate the “Eucharist.”