CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: ------ ***LEIGH AVENUE: MARPLE: STOCKPORT:***

NINETEENTH SUNDAY – IN – ORDINARY - TIME: ------ ***PARISH – NEWSLETTER:***

8th / 9th AUGUST - 2020.

Saturday 1st. August: ***Vigil Mass: 4pm.*** ***Int: / Michael / Joan Blundell / 50th Wedding Anniversary, Congratulations.***

Vigil Mass: 6pm. ***Int: / Ken Rain. (Anniv)***

Sunday 2nd. August: ***Morning Mass: 9am.*** ***Int: / Parishioners.***

Wednesday 5th. August: ***Weekday Mass: 10am. Int / In Thanksgiving (Harrison)***

Congratulations: ***this weekend to Mike and Joan Blundell on the occasion of the 50th anniv of their Wedding. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for their future married life and thank them for the rich contribution they have made to the life of "Holy Spirit Parish" across the years.***

Fr. Bill Writes:

It is with sadness that we record the recent deaths of Mary Foster / Maureen Matthews and Norman Jackson we extend our deepest sympathies to their families, at this time of sadness and personal loss. Mary Foster`s Requiem was celebrated last Thursday at St. Christophers, Romiley. The Funeral date & time of Muareen Matthew`s Requiem is still to be arranged. The funeral of Norman Jackson will be held on Wednesday August 19th/ Rowan Chapel /Stockport Crematorium at 12:15pm. Norman was a regular Mass goer here at "Holy Spirit" before moving to Lisbourne Court Nursing Home, Offerton, having developed dementia. Parishes across the diocese continue to celebrate Mass and make preparations to begin celebrating again other of the Sacraments, such as Confession, Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick. However due to circumstances here in the "Greater Manchester Section of the Shrewsbury Diocese" Priests have been asked to delay restarting visits to Nursing Homes / Rest Homes. Visits to Private Homes should be risk assessed carefully before being undertaken. If there are any families wanting to book dates for the celebration of their childs Baptism then either to speak to Fr. Bill via his Mobile No: 07929 – 446490, e/mail: fitzgerald123@btinternet.com Permission to begin preparations for "First Holy Communions and Confirmations" is not expected in the immediate future, because such preparation would present an issue with regard to "Social Distancing" as it would involve numbers of Children and Adults both for the preparation and celebration of both these sacraments. Fr. Bill is available now any time for the Celebration of Confession, please contact him by phone or e/mail so as to arrange a time. Fr. Bill will be available before either of the "Saturday Evening Vigil Masses" please call at the Presbytery Door and Fr. Bill will hear your Confession. Confessions will also be available after the 10:00am Wednesday morning Mass, in the "Meeting Room.In discussion with other priests across the diocese, Fr. Bill estimates that about half of regular Congregations across parishes of the diocese have returned to "Sunday Mass" and this is encouraging as there are still a lot Shielding and a number of Families still unsure about the safety aspect of having their Children mixing with Adult Congregations at Church. There is also the reminder that the Obligation to attend "Sunday Mass" remains in suspension. I think this will remain so until possibly the early Autumn. Fr. Bill would like to remind those shielding or recovering from other illnesses we have not forgotten you, you are in

our parish prayers at Mass. The School Summer Holidays are now under way, so we invite all Parents and extended Family Members caring for Children to take extra care during this period, we do not want fatal accidents to spoil the school holidays in our Local Communities.

Money Matters:
Thank you kindly to all who contributed so generously to last Weekends Offertory Collection:

Offertory Collection: / August 1st / 2nd – £322:50p – Gracious Thanks for your Offertory Gifts.

Renewd and gracious thanks to all our Parishioners and Friends of Holy Spirit for your support of the Weekly Offertory Collection. Thanks to those who have made donations to cover the weeks, that Holy Spirit was closed, these donations help greatly in keeping the Financial State of the Parish healthy. Thanks to Mike Blundell for resuming the counting of the weekly offertory and banking, as well as keeping the Parish A/Cs up to date, none of these are easy tasks in the present climate.Should anyone wish to switch over to making their weekly donation by Standing Order then contact Mike Blundell on Tel: 427-1953.

Parish Newsletter & Other Church Ministries:

(Can we invite Parishioners going forward to keep NOTICES brief and to the point, likewise three weeks prior to any event is sufficent notice to give.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: --- NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Where do we find God in his fulness ? In the times perhaps like "Elijah" in todays first reading, when we can endure the trauma of life, having the patience to wait for healing to come. St. Paul goes to extremes to tell how much he cares for his own peoples dilema, if only they could realise the rich hertige they are throwing away, how often we also forget the sacrifice that Christ has made on our behalf, we cannot be bothered to give an hour in the week to attend Sunday Mass there is something else more important. In Matthews Gospel our real vulnerability is demonstrated in person of St. Peter, the so called bravest disciple. As soon as we are left on our own in times of crisis we are liable to falter big time, thankfully God comes to our rescue, sometimes without we realising it.

HOLY SPIRIT NEW – WEB/SITE: & NEW TWITTER PAGE:

*The new **Web-site:** www.holyspiritmarple.com is now up and fully operational. The Original Web -Site was the **brain child of Frank McCrystal ably helped by Frank Hollingsworth,** both have again helped **Chris Buxton** with the construction of the new **Web-Site,** gracious thanks to both for their advice & imput. ... **See Also The New Parish Twitter Page:** ... www.twitter.com/HolyMarple*

WEARING OF MASKS & SANITISING OF HANDS:

It is recommended that all attending Mass should wear "Masks" however we have Parishioners who for Medical or Hidden Disability reasons are unable to do so. Chris Buxton our Parish Adult Altar Server fits this Category of Hidden Disability, he will be Social Distancing but not wearing a Mask. *It is important to continue **Sanitising our Hands,** both the wearing of **Masks / Sanitising Hands** should now become regularised practises as part of our daily lives, as we endeavour to avoid the **transmission of Covid 19.*** *We notice where these daily practises have fallen off* ***spikes in the cases of Covid 19. Throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury where strict adherence to the directives issued by Public Health England have been implemented, no recorded Covid 19 cases.***