HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922
6th September 2020
23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First Reading: (Ezekiel 33:7-9)
If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.
Second Reading :(Romans 13:8-10)
Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.
Gospel: (Matthew 18:15-20)
If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for September: That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Sunday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **9am**	**6th September** **Parishioners** **Thanksgiving (Howes)** **Private Intention**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**8th September**	**Saturday**	
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**9th September** **Elsie Donellon**	**Sunday** **4pm Vigil** **6pm** **9am**	**13th September** **Golden Wedding (Meanwell)** **Cornelius& Margaret Lane** **Private Intention**

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	£312.60p (30/8)

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, , Gino Belli, 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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This past week has seen a further step along the road of Covid 19 recovery with the return to School of Primary / Post Primary and Third Level Students. Alongside this step the Government is asking for more workers to return to their workplace. Conditions in some of our Schools and Workplaces are not satisfactory for Social Distancing when there is a full workforce or cohort of pupils present, and as such there is unease in some quarters about the safety of Pupils and Workers. St.Marys Marple Bridge and St. Bernadette's Brinnington both opened their doors in the past week, for the New Academic Year 2020 / 21 we wish them well in what will be a challenging year to begin with. Louise Perry of our Parish, has been in touch with a number of the families of the Children who made up the Sunday Morning Children's Liturgy Group, Fr. Bill, Louise and some from the Parish Management Team will meet next Wednesday Evening to discuss proposals for a Children's Sunday Morning Liturgy which for now at least would be separate from the Sunday Masses, in this type of "Bubble" families would be able to meet safely. We will update the Parish on progress towards this goal, next week once the meeting has taken place. It is good news that we will be able to welcome our "Families" back as soon as it is possibly safe to do so, as a lot of other Parishes are experiencing difficulties in this regard just now. Families of course will also be most welcome to attend any of our weekend Masses, by simply contacting Fr. Bill and putting their names down for any of the "Weekend Masses" currently there are several spaces available at all of the "Weekend Masses" We have now entered the period which is entitled the "Season of Creation" and as the title implies it is an annual uniting of Christians in Prayer and Action for the protection of our common home. The season runs from September 1st to October 4th Feast of St Francis of Assisi. In 2019 Pope Francis wrote with regard to the "Season of Creation" This is the Season for letting our Prayer be inspired anew, a season to reflect on our life styles, and a season for undertaking prophetic actions, calling for courageous decisions, directing the planet towards life and not death. There are still some sets of "Offertory Envelopes" in the box on the table at the Church Entrance, so if they are yours they are available for collection. If anyone wishes to change over to "Standing Order" speak with Mike Blundell Tel: 427-1953. Thank you to all who support our "Weekly Offertory" without your continued support the Parish would simply not exist. Now that the local lockdown here in Greater Manchester has eased, Fr. Bill hopes to start visiting those who are housebound in their own homes, with Holy Communion, visits to Nursing & Rest Home will come in the near future. Please continue to pray for all those who are ill in the Parish, and those in long term recovery from Covid 19.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

We have a portion of one of Ezekiel's Oracles for the first Reading this Sunday, and it contains a warning and a consolation. It probably comes from Ezekiel's experience as a citizen of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple (one of its many) during his lifetime. All the people were deported to foreign nations, Ezekiel being in one of the last cohorts to be deported, a considerable time after the Temple had been destroyed. He reminds the exiles that God will remain faithful to his promises, despite the frailty of his chosen people. Last Sunday St. Paul 's letter to the Romans enforced his invitation to them to live ethical and moral lives, in today's reading he quotes sections of the Ten Commandments summing them up in the famous quote from the Book of Leviticus " You must love your neighbour in the same way that you love God".This was a stern call to Paul's Roman Community, and would not have been accepted without much explanation. Today's Gospel is part of St Matthews "discourse on the Church" these current chapters discuss Church Leaders' behaviour (last Sunday the disciples) today all believers are reminded that they belong to the one believing community founded by Christ. There is no room or indeed need to try and act differently, because you are not different, you were chosen like all the other believers, so accept it as Gods gift.