HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE
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16th August 2020
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading: (Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6 10)
A woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon.
Second Reading :(1 Corinthians 15:20-26)
Christ as the first-fruits and then, those who belong to him.
Gospel: (Luke 1:39-56)
The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for August: Prayer for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Saturday **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm** **Sunday** **9am**	**16th August** **Norman Jackson** **Parishioners** **Maureen Matthews**	**Thursday**	
Monday		**Friday**	
Tuesday **5pm (Brinnington)** **All welcome to attend**	**18th August**	**Saturday** **Vigil 4pm** **Vigil 6pm**	**22nd August** **Thanksgiving** **(Blundell)** **Albert McDermott**
Wednesday Mass **10am** **Confessions 10.30am**	**19th August** **Special inten, (Abbott)**	**Sunday** **9am**	**23rd August** **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.

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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SOCIAL

We welcome back this week a fuller version of the Parish Bulletin, Mary Abbott who publishes the Weekly Bulletin has started back again after almost a five month break. This is a reminder of just how disruptive and serious the Covid 19 Pandemic has been, and still continues to disrupt our daily lives How we go about our daily lives has and will be crucial to preventing the spread of Covid 19: there appears to be a growing weariness among a large portion of the general public about adhering to the Directives regarding the prevention of transmission of Covid 19 as laid down by "Public Health England" I must say that those attending Church are setting a very good example, just the odd lapse in the area of Social Distancing so no gatherings outside of Church please, especially with those that are not of your Own Household. The "Sanitising of Hands and the Wearing of Masks" has been exemplary, so please keep it up, the more people that follow the Sensible Directives as outlined by Public Health England the greater the chance of a speedy end to the Pandemic, going forward. Here at Holy Spirit we are most thankful to members of our Parish Finance & Management Team for giving the lead with regard to Stewarding issues in Church, they have put a lot of quality time in stewarding themselves and encouraging others to join the Stewarding Rota. So thanks to everyone who is helping with Stewarding it is valued and appreciated. It is also great to have our Parish Organist, Tony Walker, enhancing the Liturgy of our Masses with some well thought out Music. This coming Tuesday will be the Requiem Mass for Maureen Matthews at St.Mary's, Marple Bridge, only family and those invited by the family are able to attend. We are most grateful to Maureen for the great contributions that she made to the Communities of Marple, Marple Bridge, Mellor. May she rest in peace. Despite Covid 19 a sizeable number of people have gone on holiday, so we wish them a safe vacation, and a safe return to their homes and places of work. We likewise welcome any visitors that have come to Marple, and anyone joining us here at Holy Spirit for our Weekend Masses. Fr.Bill would like to remind any Families seeking to have their Child Baptised to please contact him on Mobile 07929 446490 or email: fitzgerald123@btinternet.com to arrange a date, 30 guests is the number currently allowed at the celebration. If any Couples are thinking about a date for their Marriage, please use the above contacts to arrange a meeting. Confessions are also available prior to the 4pm and 6pm Saturday Evening Vigil Masses and after the 10am Morning Mass on Wednesday, and any other time by arrangement with Fr.Bill. Preparations for First Sacraments and Confirmations are currently suspended as is visitation to Nursing/Rest Homes. Visiting the Sick in their own homes, is only to be done with their consent, and a risk assessment carried out, at the moment in Greater Manchester the advice is that such visitation should not be carried out. I hope that you will all keep safe and well this coming week and help others to do likewise.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

It is tempting that the first reading from Revelation is relating to Mary as mother about to give birth to Christ, the child about to be born. However the author was not thinking of Mary, Christ is about to come to birth in the lives of the people. It is stressful because it is accompanied by sorrow, persecution and the daily struggle to persevere. Mary is a symbol of the Church who exists in the midst of God's Glory yet nevertheless is bound by the struggles of this earthly life,yet Christ protects and strengthens her as she passes from life to death St.Paul tells us today in First Corinthians that when "Jesus" comes again, death will be no more, in one last great act, the Human Race will be resurrected into "Everlasting Glory" Mary is a sign of that hope, which we all share as we await that great and glorious day. On this "Feast of the Assumption" we celebrate the fulness of the Blessedness that was Mary's destiny. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all Humanity a consoling message of hope.

HOLY SPIRIT NEW WEBSITE & NEW TWITTER PAGE

The new **Web-site**: **www.holyspiritmarple.com** is now up and fully operational. The original Wed-Site was the brain child of Frank McChrystal ably helped by Frank Hollingworth, both have again helped Chris Buxton with the construction of the new Web-Site. Gracious thanks to both for their advice and input. See also the New Parish Twitter Page: www,twitter.com/Holy Spirit Marple.

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