

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure by now that most of you will have learned of the death of Fr. Michael Dyson after a short illness, last Sunday Evening, in the company of his immediate family. Fr Michael was Parish Priest here at Holy Spirit, Marple from 1999 to 2005 after which he retired to Heald Green. There will be meeting of the Parish Finance & Management Team next Tuesday Evening October 6 and Fr Bill will discuss with the Team Members a suitable date for a Memorial Mass, here at Holy Spirit to remember Fr. Michael. As you will see from the diocesan notification with regard to Fr. Michael's funeral it will not be possible for any of us to attend the Requiem Mass.

Blessings and Thanks

Fr. Bill Fitzgerald

Father John Michael Dyson (1938 - 2020) RIP

John Michael Dyson was born on 6th October 1938 in Liverpool. He was educated at St Anslem's College in Birkenhead and was accepted as a student for this Diocese in 1952. He attended Ushaw College from 1958 to 1964 and was ordained to the Priesthood on 24th May 1964 at Sacred Heart Church in Moreton.

Father Mike's first appointment was as an Assistant Priest at Shrewsbury Cathedral (1964 - 1970) followed by Holy Cross, Birkenhead (1970 - 1973), Ss Peter & Paul, New Brighton (1973 - 1975), Our Lady's, Leasowe (1975 - 1977) and then St Alban's, Macclesfield (1977 - 1978). In 1978 he was appointed as Parish Priest of St Hugh's, West Timperley, where in December 1981, a new church was built. Fr Mike's next appointment was Parish Priest of English Martyrs (1986 - 1988), then after a year in residence at St Laurence's, Birkenhead (1988 - 1989), he was appointed Parish Priest (1989 - 1990). He followed this by serving as Priest in Charge of Our Lady of Fatima, Barnton (1990 - 1991) and was then appointed Parish Priest at St Milburga's, Church Stretton (1991 - 1999). His final appointment was at Holy Spirit, Marple (1999 - 2005). Father Mike retired to Brandon Avenue in Heald Green in 2005 and more recently moved to Smithy Croft, Heald Green in 2018. May he rest in peace.