

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Fr.Bill Fitzgerald 427:4922

7th March 2021

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: (Exodus 20:1-17)

The Law was given through Moses.

Second Reading : (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel: John 2:13-25)

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days, I will raise it up.

Pope Francis's prayer intention for March: That we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Sunday 4pm 6pm 9am	7th March Special Intention (Birch) Marie Hayes Parishioners	Thursday	11th March NO MASS
Monday	8th March NO MASS	Friday 12.45pm	12th March REQUIEM Marie Hayes
Tuesday 10am	9th March John Lawton	Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Sunday Vigil 4pm Sunday Vigil 6pm	13th March Exposition and Confessions Mary & Michael Moran Louis Daly
Wednesday	10th March Dorothy and Michael Yeats	Sunday Mass 9am	14th March Parishioners

One decade of the Rosary	Suspended
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Rosary STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Suspended 4pm NONE TODAY 7th March
Baptism/Marriage	By appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation	As announced or by appointment.
Collection	£323.50p

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, George Williams, Ruth Grace Crosby, Jarek Tomaszewski, Emily Small, Fr.John Cairns, Ann Crossley, Kathryn Smith, Steven Platts, Fr. Kevin Gradwell, Pauline Magrath, Kathleen Jones, Father Pat Munroe, Renata Broda, Cyril Nield, Neil Timperley.



.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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We begun this past week by entering the Month March, lengthening days, and much more day light. It was encouraging to see so many families enjoying glorious outdoor sunshine last weekend and into this past week. This weekend families and extended families are getting their children ready for a return to school on Monday, it is hoped that all "Year Groups" will be as near to complete as possible. Pupils' return to school, the first of the major steps on the "Government's Pathway out of the Lockdown" it is with great confidence that we look to our "School Pupils and School Communities" for the success of this "First Step" of the Pathway. We are also entering "Week Three" of the "Lenten Season" and it is good to see that more of our Parishioners / Friends of Holy Spirit are returning to "Sunday & Weekday Masses." It is with confidence that we can say it is "Safe to Attend Church" at Holy Spirit, adherence to Government Covid Measures" are of the highest and most rigorous standards before, during, and after all Masses and Services. Fr.Bill applauds the work and diligence of "Our Stewards" which is greatly valued and appreciated. During the Season of Lent we are offering two "Daily Masses" followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation are also available on Saturday Mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am. The Stations of the Cross are held each Sunday at 4pm.(With the exception of this Sunday March 7th. when they are replaced by "Churches Together / Bible Sunday Service on ZOOM," details of how to access this Service available via Marian Thompson e/mail marian37et@gmail.com The "Holy Week Services" will be celebrated this year in the Churches of the "Shrewsbury and other Dioceses" but in a reduced format. Fr.Bill will meet with the "Parish Finance & Management Team" to discuss the Holy Week rota and Covid Measures surrounding them. The end of the "Financial Year" is very near and Fr. Bill in conjunction with Mike Blundell, will update Parishioners on the Financial situation of the Parish, before the end of March. The "New Series of Weekly Offertory Envelopes" are due, there are some people New to the Parish, who might like to set up a "Standing Order" or have a "Set of Offertory Envelopes " speak with Fr. Bill or contact Mike Blundell Tel: 427-1953. Thank you to those who have continued to support the "Weekly Offertory" via "Standing Order / Weekly Offertory Envelope / Loose Plate" the Offertory Collection" for this Financial Year, will understandably be well down on that of previous non Covid Years.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2021.

The "first Reading today is from the Book of Exodus, and Exodus is all about people and how they relate to one another ethically. Commandments four through ten are to do with people's relationships towards one another and society. They uphold the virtues / values that underpin Society. They are not unique to Israel, but what is unique is that Israel in all aspects of life understood "Ethical Behaviour" to be intimately linked to the worship of God. All of life was understood to be under the domain of God. In the second of the readings this Sunday, Paul in writing to the Corinthians shows that he is seasoned in the art of Preaching, to the Jews & Gentiles. Paul's experience was that Jews would not be satisfied without an occasional legitimate miracle, a sign to prove his preaching carried weight. If the "Christian Message" proposed an understanding of the world, and the place of humanity in that world, then they might be reconnected with their heavenly genesis. In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims that his body replaces the Temple, and all the spiritual meanings associated with the Temple. Jesus proposed a new understanding of Temple, a living entity built on the foundations of his life, death, and resurrection. The image of Temple became a powerful metaphor for the body of all believers, a holy dwelling place of Gods eternal presence.