

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



St Mary
Marple Bridge

**ST MARY'S, MARPLE BRIDGE
AND
THE ANNUNCIATION, NEW MILLS**



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**7th December 2014
2nd Sunday of Advent**

	<u>Marple B.</u>	<u>New Mills</u>		
Saturday	6th	6.30pm		2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	7th	11.15am	9.30am	Norah & Bessie Hanlon RIP (PTC) Thanksgiving (DG) Dec Mem Healy/O'Connor Families Armstrong Family
			2pm	BAPTISM
Monday	8th	9.30am		Immaculate Conception of the BVM Eileen +Jimmy Barlow RIP
Tuesday	9th		10am	Advent Feria Eileen Colligan RIP
Wednesday	10th	9.30am		St Augustine Webster+companions Dec Mem. Roussea Family
Thursday	11th		9.15am	St Damascus 1, Pope Ciara + Aiveen Chamberlain RIP
Friday	12th	10am		Our Lady of Guadalupe Patricia Vaggers RIP (GAL)
		In school		
Saturday	13th	6.30pm		3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14th	11.15am	9.30am	Charles + Charlotte Lyon RIP (GAL) Ken Ledwich RIP (BL) Burke Fam Ints (PD)

			6th/7th December	13th /14th December
Welcomers	6.30pm	MB	Margaret Cooke	Eileen Newton
Readers			Maureen Matthews	Gordon Lyon
Gifts			Bill & Val Yates	Dorothy Mansfield
Welcomers	9.30am	NM	Joe Hennigan/ Pat McGrath	Bob Colligan/ Assunta Ashton
Readers			Ann Webb/ Simon Sharp	Joe Hennigan/Rene Tierney
Children's Lit.				
Welcomers	11.15am	MB	Patrick Roche	Myra O'Connor
Readers			Tony McHale	Vincent Coupes
Gifts			Joe Harvey	George Wood
Children's Lit.				
Counters		MB	Terry +Alice Poole	Tom Delaney & Phil Davison
		NM	Nigel Slack/Patricia Hulley	Teresa Hogg/ Peter Doyle
Flowers		MB	No flowers	No flowers
Tea & Coffee		NM	Pat McGrath+Marie Davies	Angie/Jim McGlynn
Cleaners		MB	Margaret & Vincent Coupes	No Cleaning
Cleaners		NM	Pat Drury	No Cleaning

FR JOHN WRITES...John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone who kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet, John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously something very attractive about John. People could see something in him; something that inspired them and gave them hope. John makes it clear that it is not he, but the one he is pointing to, that they are looking for. John is the signpost to God for the people.

The world says to God, 'We no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'Prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome Him again and again. It is we who block the path by putting so many things in the way. John urges us to clear the path and let go of the things that prevent us from experiencing God's love. John is calling people out of despair and into hope.

SPECIAL COLLECTION...The special collection to be taken up at all Masses next weekend is for the Poor and Needy Parishes.

CAFOD EBOLA APPEAL... If you were able to make a donation towards this appeal and have used the CAFOD collection envelope, please place it in the basket at the back of church at the end of Mass. Thank you.

THANK YOU...I would like to thank the staff and pupils at both our schools for helping in the preparation of our school Advent Penitential Services. Many children came to receive Confession in preparation for Christmas.

SCHOOL MASSES... We welcome the children from St Mary's Primary School NM to our church for the celebration of Mass at 9.15am next Thursday. All the children will be present and they will lead us in our celebration. Everyone welcome to join in.

Mass next Friday will be at 10am in St Mary's School MB where, again, the children will lead us in our celebration. All parishioners are welcome to join us

TODDLERS' NATIVITY... The toddlers from our Thursday morning group will be staging a Nativity Play on Thursday 18th December at 10am. Please put the date in your diary and come along.

SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION... will take place every Sunday evening during Advent at 6pm in All Saints

**Pray for the Sick and Housebound
Remember especially**

Mary Forbes, George Cairns, Eileen Middleton, Monica Norton, Eileen Grace, Margaret Mary Jackson, Katherine Cowan, Richard Greiner, Joan Hines, George Heeds, Joan Whitley, Beverley Burke, Fr. Hugh Doherty, Maureen Mitchell-Kirk, Bernadette Tonge, David Hill, Bill Martin, Marie Sidebottom, Aine Shaw, Mike Ellwood, Geraldine Knowles, Kate Beighton, Suzanne Mautschke, David Poole Dorothy Graham, Fr Marianus, Anna Kalnis

Church, Glossop and is open to all the parishioners of the Deanery. All Welcome.

MARPLE CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT... on Monday December 15th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Church Lane, Marple. A 'Miscellany of Carols, Readings and Seasonal Music' will take place. Tickets £8 (students under 18 are half price). Pay on the door. Doors open 7pm.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 11TH ...All those attending the lunch to arrive at NM Golf Club about 12noon for a 12.30pm start. Enjoy your day!

TRADCRAFT...There will be tea, coffee and the Traidcraft stall available after both Masses at MB next weekend. December 13/14th. We will NOT have a sale of Traidcraft goods during January so please stock this month. Thank you for your support this year – a total of £975.97 worth of Traidcraft goods were purchased during the last 12 months. Many thanks and Happy Christmas . Pauline

RCIA...There will be a meeting this Monday December 8th at 7.30pm in church.

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL...If your child was born between September 1st 2010 and August 31st 2011 they are eligible to start school in September 2015. For further details and forms, please contact the school.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY...On behalf of the people of the parish I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Joan Hines who died recently, and to Joan Whitely on the death of her sister. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Joan Hines will be received into the Church of the Annunciation on Monday December 15th at 6.30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday December 16th at 10am followed by burial in the church cemetery.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT... I wish to acknowledge receipt of £300 from a very generous parishioner from New Mills. Thank you for this kind contribution to the parish.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES...CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm Carol Service NM

6.30pm Children's Mass NM

11.30pm Carol Service MB

12am Midnight Mass MB

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Christmas Mass NM

11.15am Christmas Mass MB

COLLECTION....

Envelopes £557.52 Loose Plate £268.10

Total £285.62 Thank you

**t in Peace
Anniversaries**

Brigit Shallcross, John Stewart, Wilfred Yarwood, Terence Whitley, Winifred Foy, Maurice Bell, Cyril Bishop, Sidney Evans, Eileen Colligan, Peter Ward

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.