

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



**St Mary
Marple Bridge**

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



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Lectionary

Sundays Year B
Weekdays Year 1

**21st December 2014
4th Sunday of Advent**

		<u>Marple B.</u>	<u>New Mills</u>		
Saturday	20th	6.30pm		4th Sunday of Advent	Vincent Flood RIP
Sunday	21st	11.15am	9.30am		Dec Mem Knowles/Tierney Fam Cecilia Crean RIP
Monday	22nd	9.30am		Advent Feria	Peter Kane RIP (DK)
Tuesday	23rd		10am	Advent Feria	Annie & Fred Loverley RIP (GAL)
Wednesday	24th	9.30am		Advent Feria	Catherine McAlavey RIP
				The Nativity of the Lord	
Christmas Eve	24th		6pm	Carol Service	
			6.30	Children's Mass	The Oates Family (CO)
		11.30pm		Carol Service	
		12am		Midnight Mass	Kath & Bill Yates RIP
Christmas Day	25th		9.30	Christmas Mass	Arthur James Mertz RIP
		11.15		Christmas Mass	Cairns Family Intentions
Friday	26th	12 noon		St Stephen's Day	People of the Parish and Christmas Bouquet Ints
Saturday	27th	6.30pm		The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Thanksgiving to Parishioners (BR)
Sunday	28th		9.30am		Annie & James Holland & Fam RIP(BL)
		11.15am			Dec Mem Ead & Tracy Fams
Saturday	Jan 3rd	6.30pm		The Epiphany of the Lord	Family Marceau
Sunday	4th		9.30am		Maurice Graham RIP (V)) In Thanksgiving (AMcC)
		11.15am			
Saturday	10th	6.30pm		The Baptism of the Lord	Michael Furlong RIP
Sunday	11th		9.30am		Tony Harrap RIP (JH)) Catherine Hall RIP
		11.15am			
Saturday	17th	6.30pm		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Agnes & Jack RIP
Sunday	18th		9.30am		Josephine Slattery RIP
		11.15am			Pat & Susan O'Briens Ints

Happy Christmas

FR JOHN WRITES... We sometimes distance ourselves from the real encounter here. As Margaret Silf notes, we sometimes 'put Mary into a glass case, surround her with flowers and avoid the personal consequence of this moment'. And there could have been severe consequences for Mary, even stoning to death. Mary's 'yes' is an example of completely surrendering to God's will. She surrenders her motherhood, her entire life to God.

We can think today of those who mother against the odds in our world. In places where there is no food, no clean water, the threat of disease, of torture; those who watch their children suffer from addiction or violence. And we remember those who are the Angel Gabriels of this world, bringing good news and hope that 'nothing is impossible'.

'Hail Mary, woman of Nazareth, homemaker, cleaner, preparer of food, God is with you in your everyday excursions in this ordinary town. Blessed are you among women and blessed indeed are women in their everyday lives, in the ambivalence of decision making, in the silences and blessed are the fruits of all our labours.'

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION...The collection to be taken up at all Masses this weekend is for the upkeep of your Priest. Thank you.

BAPTISM...Parents wishing to have their child baptised between January and Easter 2015 are asked to fill in a Booking form from the back of church and return it to the parish office by Jan 11th. The course will take place on Mondays 19th and 26th Jan at 7.30pm in The Old School MB. Parents will need to attend both sessions and then a date will be arranged for the Baptism to take place.

CONFIRMATION...The programme will begin with the Parents' Meeting on Sunday February 1st at 6.30 in St Mary Crowned Church, Glossop. At this meeting parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Please put the date in your diary.

DATES FOR THE CHURCH CALENDAR...Easter is earlier next year so the first Sunday of Lent is on February 22nd, Palm Sunday is March 29th, and Easter Sunday April 5th. Since the first Sunday of Advent we have been using the missal readings from Sundays Year B and weekdays Year 1.

First Holy Communion will take place at 12noon on Saturday June 20th at MB and 12noon on Saturday June 27th at NM.

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, 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, Suzanne Mautschke, David Poole Dorothy Graham, Fr Marianus, Anna Kalnis

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR... Deacon Kevin and myself would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and holy Christmas. We pray that the Christmas Celebrations will fill you with joy and peace and the new year will be a time of great hope for you.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND...I will be visiting the sick and housebound of the parish on Christmas Eve.

THANK YOU...May I thank all parishioners for your help and support throughout the year. I really do appreciate all that you do. Especially would like to thank, our church committees; the sacristans and altar servers; the Eucharistic ministers; readers; ushers; welcomers; those who process with the Gifts; children's liturgy; catechists; counters; musicians; flowers; teas and coffees; cleaners; red box appeal; Traidcraft; housekeeper; gardeners,, those who do the banking,, look after the repository; those who prepare and look after our monthly spiritual evenings; caretaker and flat attendants, my secretaries; book keepers; covenant; newsletter; all our school staff.I sincerely hope no one has been left out of this long list. If you have been, I apologise for the oversight. It just goes to show, though, how many people help to make our parish tick over so well. Thank you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RCIA...The next RCIA course will take place on Monday January 5th 2015 in the Fr Kevill room, NM Parish Hall. Mary will lead this session.

FR ROBERT... has offered to say Mass on the following dates while I am away:

Tuesdays Jan 30th and Feb 6th at NM, 10am

Fridays Feb 2nd and Feb 9th at MB

Any sick calls etc please call Fr Robert 01298 813491 I do have doctor's appointments, blood tests, CT scan and have to see the Oncologist while I am home.

COLLECTION....

Envelopes £612.10 Loose Plate £187.32

Total £799.42 Thank you

New & Poor Parishes

Envelopes £266.72 Loose Plate £134.99

Total £401.71 Thank you

Rest in Peace Anniversaries

Ian Craig, Ann Stewart, Freda Draper, Agnes Brady, Peter Murray, Amelia de Cicico, Elsie Curran, Edward Grieves, Ruth Boothroyd, Helen Kenny, Patricia Burkitt, Margaret Wild, Mary Doherty, John Weardon, Catherine Harrisdon, Dorothy Vernon, Ann Buckley, Maurice Graham, Mary Arnfield, Mary Nellis, Mary Griffiths, Patricia Butterworth, James Bracewell, Valerie Pike, baby Zack Spencer, Lily Day, Mary Fontana, James Sidebottom, Rafa Gos, Les Chadwick, Kathleen Beighton, Michael Furlong, May Lockett, B Diamond, Jean Reeves,

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

