

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

**15th February 2015
6th Sunday of the Year**

		<u>Marple B.</u>	<u>New Mills</u>		
Saturday	14th	6.30pm		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr Stappard's Ints
Sunday	15th	11.15am	9.30am		John Hines RIP
			2pm	BAPTISM	Tom Roche Ints (GC)
					Scapens Family
Monday	16th	9.30am		Feria	Winifred Hardman RIP
Tuesday	17th		10am	No Mass	
Wednesday	18th	9.30am		Ash Wednesday – Day of Fasting and Abstinence	Fr Patrick Sammon RIP
Thursday	19th		10am	Lenten Feria	Francis Goodwin RIP
			10.30	Stations of the Cross	
Friday	20th	9.30am		Lenten Feria	John McCready RIP
		10am		Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	21st	6.30pm		1st Sunday of Lent	Susan + John Campbell RIP
Sunday	22nd	11.15am	9.30am		Catherine Hodnett RIP
			2pm	BAPTISM	In Thanksgiving (KH)
					Skelton Family

			<u>14/15Feb</u>	<u>21/22 Feb</u>
Welcomers	6.30pm	MB	Eileen Newton	Eileen Burgess
Readers			Rosemary Yuill	Steve Burgess
Gifts			Dorothy Mansfield	Steve & Eileen Burgess
Welcomers	9.30am	NM	Joe Hennigan/ Pat McGrath	Bob Colligan/ Assunta Ashton
Readers			Maureen Bell/Marnie Patel	Catherine Butler/Sheila Harrison
Children's Lit.				
Welcomers	11.15am	MB	Jenny McGuinness	Sheila Harvey
Readers			Vincent Coupes	Sally Evans
Gifts			Bradbury Family	Denise Ead
Ch.Lit.				
Counters		MB	David Barron+Tony McHale	Val+Bill Yates
		NM	Mike Ledwich/Deborah Laugesen	Margaret Beddows/ Joe Hennigan
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	Jo Barber & Catherine Butler	No Cleaning

FR JOHN WRITES...One short sentence strikes me in today's Gospel: 'Of course I want to'. It is Jesus' reply to the Leper who asks to be cured, and it shows us Jesus' generosity of spirit. He was not just carrying out His duty – He was touched by the man and really wanted to help him.

What if we were to live by this simple phrase? Paul, in the second Reading encourages us to be anxious for others rather than ourselves, with the goal of bringing others to salvation. If we recognise the dignity of others and realise we have a part to play in bringing God to them, and them to God, we may well find ourselves responding to others' needs with a resounding 'Of course I want to'.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MB...Parents, please note that the First Holy Communion preparation course will begin on Sunday March 1st. All children wishing to receive the Sacrament at MB are asked to attend ALL the sessions. Thank you. I hope you enjoy preparing for this wonderful Sacrament.

CONFIRMATION... The first session for the candidates takes place this Sunday February 15th from 6.30-8pm at St Mary's Parish Hall, St Mary's Rd, Glossop. Please keep all the candidates in your daily prayers as they prepare to celebrate this wonderful Sacrament.

RCIA... The Rite of Election will take place next Sunday February 22nd at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. We do have candidates attending. It is hoped that 2 candidates plus 2 teenage children will receive the Sacraments for the first time on Holy Saturday night. We also have another 2 candidates attending who will hopefully be received into the Church later in the year after completing their instruction. Apart from these we have 1 or 2 enquiring about the Catholic Tradition. Please keep all the candidates in your daily prayers as they discern God's calling in their lives.

TEA, BINGO AND LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT...The first session of our Tea, Bingo and Light Entertainment will commence again on Wednesday February 25th, 2-4pm in the Parish Hall, NM. All parishioners are welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER...

on March 6th. Please join us at one of the following services:

2pm at Ridge Methodists

7pm at Marple United Reform Church

This year the service has been prepared by the women from the Bahamas. All are welcome.

**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, Kate Beighton, Suzanne Mautschke, David Poole Dorothy Graham, Fr Marianus, Anna Kalnis

ASH WEDNESDAY...

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during the 9.30am Mass at MB so anyone wishing to receive Ashes should attend this Service. The school at MB will be on mid-term break, and since the school at NM is on holiday this week I have not been able to arrange the distribution of Ashes there. Provisionally, we will have a Service at St Mary's school in NM at 11am on Ash Wednesday and parishioners are welcome to attend. Hopefully, I will sort this out on Monday with the school.

DEANERY LENTEN SERVICES...

Fr Robert and myself will be celebrating a Lenten Deanery Penitential Service on Saturday March 14th 2015 from 2-4pm in the Church of the Annunciation NM. The Service will take the same form as the Advent Service with Exposition, prayers and readings, the opportunity for Confession and the Sacrament of the Sick. Further details nearer the time.

The Deanery Station Mass will take place in St Charles Borromeo Church, Hadfield on Thursday March 19th beginning with Exposition and Confessions from 7pm followed by the Station Mass at 7.30pm. Please put the details in your diary.

PARISH LENTEN SERVICES...

We wish to invite all parishioners to attend one or as many sessions as you can to our Parish Lenten Services, 'Touched by the Passion'. Joe Hennigan, Mary Robinson, both schools and myself are trying to do something a little different but, hopefully, as meaningful and joyful as possible, as we reflect on the 'Passion of Christ' and how it 'Touches you', or helps you to a deeper understanding of Christ's Passion as we prepare for Easter. I look forward to seeing you at our first session, which will be led by Mary Robinson, on Monday March 23rd 7.30-9pm in the Parish Hall, NM. Refreshments available beforehand

STATIONS OF THE CROSS...

The Stations of the Cross will take place after Mass on Thursday at NM and Friday at MB during Lent.

NM CHURCH COMMITTEE...

The next meeting will take place this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Kevill Room. Please accept my apologies as I have other commitments that evening.

COLLECTION....

Envelopes £644.50 Loose Plate £401.16

Total £1045.66 Thank you

**Rest in Peace
Anniversaries**

George Yarwood, Jessie Calder, Hannah O'Byrne

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

