

St Mary Marple Bridge

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## The Catholic Community Newsletter

St Mary's, Marple Bridge and The Annunciation, New Mills

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Saturday Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ch. MB NM MB	5.00pm 6.30pm 9.30am 11.15am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalter 4 Patricia McDonough RIP Anniversary(MPH
				ROTAS	
				15 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	22 <sup>nd</sup> APRIL
Welcomers Readers Gifts	6.30	pm	МВ	Norah Hudson Laurie Feehan	Jim Howell Betty Reynolds
Giffs Welcomers Readers	9.30	am	ΝΜ	Steve & Eileen Burgess Simon Sharp & Assunta Ashton Frank & Tara Thompson	Rosemary Yuill Jacqueline Patel & Doreen Kane Jacqueline Patel & Margaret Beddows
Welcomers	11.1	5am	МВ	Patrick Roche	Jenny McGuinness
Readers				Vincent Coupes	Joe Harvey
Gifts				Children's Liturgy	Denise Ead
Child's Lit	9.30	am	NM	No rota	No rota
Counters			МВ	Dave Barron & Tony McHale	Val & Bill Yates
			NM	Nick Reynolds & Joe Barber	Patricia Scully & Nigel Slack
Tea/ Coffee			NM	Deborah Laugesen	Helen Wilson & family
Cleaners			NM	No cleaning	Pat Drury & Kath Barnie
			МВ	No cleaning	Catherine Andersen
POPE'S PRAY	YER IN	TENT	ION FOR AF	PRIL: For those who have response	sibility for Economic Matters –
rejecting ar	n ecol	nomy	of exclusi	on and opening new paths to in	clusion for all
Jan Letow	ska, Ma	ary Forl	bes, Eileen Gr	ace, Beverley Burke, Anna Kalnis, Fr. Hugh	in Gradwell, Rene Tierney, Kath Bracewell, Doherty, David Poole, Bernadette Tonge, t Liddle, Dorothy Graham, Christine Henry

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

**FR JOHN TEXTS:** My chemo is now completed, I've had my pic line taken out and CT scan taken. Results from the scan show that the chemo has worked well enough to shrink the cells to the smallest they have been since diagnosed. However, although there are still nodules in my lungs, the oncologist was delighted with my CT scan results. I will have a CT scan every three months to keep a check on things and if there are any changes, I will then need further treatment. I've been told to rest and take a holiday in the sun; I can't travel yet but plan to take a holiday soon.

Thank you for all your prayers and support; I'm really delighted with the results and hope to rest now from hospital treatment and chill out as ordered. Will keep you in touch with my progress.

I do pray that you all had a wonderful Easter and may I thank all who helped out in any way during the Easter services. Thank you also for your Easter cards and collection; I'm indebted to you for your kindness and support. Still waiting for Fr Kevin's update but have him and all of you in my daily thoughts and prayers. Take care, God bless and thank you

**WELCOME!!:** This weekend, we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Kevin Prince and Fr Anthony Dolan who will be celebrating mass for us. Please help them in any way you can.

**BAPTISMS:** The evening for parents who wish to have their children baptised takes place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April in St Mary's Parish Hall, New Mills, at 7.00pm. All parents wishing to have their children baptised in the next few months should complete a form at the back of church and attend.

**RED A.P.F. BOXES:** Please can holders of A.P.F. boxes at New Mills bring their boxes to church and give to Debbie Laugesen so that they can be counted.

"ADOREMUS" – LIVERPOOL 7-9 SEPTEMBER: Would you like to attend as a Delegate – one day or all? Contact Joe Hennigan (07463 796845) or Mary Robinson (01663 745989) by the end of April and they will try to accommodate you.

**OFSTED REPORT:** In a recent Ofsted inspection, Saint Mary's School, New Mills, retained its 'Good' status. The inspector commented on the strong leadership in the school, the beneficial partnership with other schools in the area, and the rapid improvement in standards in the early years class. It was noted that the children learn in a calm, well-organised and stimulating environment, which extends beyond the classroom into church and the local community. A congratulatory letter from Bishop Patrick can be read on the church noticeboard. Well done to all concerned! **PARISH PILGRIMAGE: FATIMA TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA:** A small group (up to 4) David, Jim, Mary + Joe, will be travelling to the shrine at Fatima (Portugal) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and then walking to the tomb of St James in Santiago de Compostela (Spain), alongside other pilgrims from around the World – a pilgrim walk of about 500 kilometers, which is expected to take around 4 weeks... Please remember them in prayer on their spiritual journey.... If you would like any intentions left at the Fatima shrine, please leave them at either church before 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**MEDAILLE COFFEE EVENING:** Thanks to all who supported our coffee evening, in any way, for the victims of trafficking. We raised £200.68 which will be used in the two Manchester Safe Houses. As well as suitcases, men's toiletries and towels, the houses would appreciate men's dressing gowns all of which can be left at the back of our churches. For more information see Maureen Bell.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayers are often, more comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass are also offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need; many people offer their Mass in thanksgiving for particular favours received.

At the back of each church, there are envelopes to facilitate you having a mass offered by the priest for your particular intention. As far as is possible, it will be celebrated on the day and in the church you request. When it is not possible, it will be celebrated on the nearest date to that requested but you must indicate in which church you wish it to be celebrated: otherwise the priest will offer the intention wherever it is most convenient.

It is usual to offer a donation with the intention and for many priest this is their primary source of income: others place the money in the parish account and accept a salary from the diocese. Once a priest has accepted an intention and offering, he must celebrate that Mass within twelve months or pass it to another priest to celebrate within the year.

The diocese recommends an offering of £10. A visiting priest offering mass for a particular intention will always be given this amount by the parish priest unless more has been donated in which case he will receive the greater sum unless he chooses to donate it to the parish.