

**The Catholic Community Newsletter**

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



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Marple Bridge



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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	People of the Parish T H Doherty R.I.P. Michael & Doreen Furlong R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		
		<b>MB</b>	<b>11.15am</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>10.00am</b>		
		<b>NM</b>	<b>10.30am</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>12.00</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Feria</b>	Colin Barlow R.I.P.
				<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
				<b>Requiem Mass: Colin Barlow R.I.P.</b>	
				<b>Saint Anthony (memorial)</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NM</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>ORDINARY TIME</b>	
		<b>MB</b>	<b>11.15am</b>		Margaret Helliwell Martin Beddows R.I.P. Jack (John) & Rita Froggatt

**ROTAS**

			<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	<b>20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>MB</b>	Jim Howell	Eileen Burgess
<b>Readers</b>			Teresa Clarke	Laurie Feehan
<b>Gifts</b>			Val & Bill Yates	Steve & Eileen Burgess
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>NM</b>	Simon Sharp & Assunta Ashton	Assunta Ashton & Simon Sharp
<b>Readers</b>			Frank & Tara Thompson	Margaret Beddows & Jacqui Patel
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>MB</b>	Myra O'Connor	Patrick Roche
<b>Readers</b>			Gloria Tomalin	Vincent Coupes
<b>Gifts</b>			Joe Harvey	George Wood
<b>Child's Lit</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>NM</b>	Jo Barber & M Beddows	Liz Greene & Alena Greenwood
<b>Counters</b>		<b>MB</b>	David Barron & Tony McHale	Val & Bill Yates
		<b>NM</b>	Linda & Chris Flowers	Colin & Carol Hodnett
<b>Tea/ Coffee</b>		<b>NM</b>	Angie & Jim McGlynn	Pat McGrath
<b>Cleaners</b>		<b>NM</b>	Pat Drury & Kath Barnie	No cleaning
		<b>MB</b>	No cleaning	Teresa Clarke & Sheila Harvey

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**FATHER JOHN TEXTS:** I pray you are all well and thank you for all your prayers, cards, text messages and support. I had my fifth chemo treatment last Wednesday. All my blood results were good and my tumour blood count came down from 22 to 20. So far I've had very little side-effects but they can flare up anytime. Please take care, God bless and be assured of my prayers and Masses that I have offered for you.

We are working on a theme for Lent this year and are aiming to have a 'Lent in a Day' event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March; please keep an eye on the newsletter for further information. The team work very hard each year to prepare something for you every year for you. It would be great if you could come along and support them on the day. I know you will get a lot from it; I'm hoping to help with some of the input as well from home. Take care now and God bless.

**WEEKDAY MASSES AT MARPLE BRIDGE:** Due to requests from parishioners, from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, weekday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesdays and not Thursdays at Marple bridge.

**OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January; the theme is 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue' (Deut 16:18-20). Hayfield Christians will be holding a short service at 12noon at St John's, Hayfield, followed by a tasty, hot soup lunch.

**WELLSPRING SPONSORED WALK:** This will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. This is organised by Churches Together in aid of the Wellspring, the drop-in centre for the homeless in Stockport. If you would like to take part, the walk starts at Holy Spirit church, Marple at 9.45am and sponsor sheets are available at the back of the church. Pauline Howell will be representing St. Mary's, Marple Bridge and would be grateful for any sponsorship you can give. Thank you.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND,**

**Remember especially:**

Fr John Cairns, Rene Tierney, Jani Abbs-Brown,  
Mike Goodwin, Jan Letowska, Eileen Grace, Aine Shaw,  
Beverley Burke, Anna Kalnis, Fr. Hugh Doherty,  
David Poole, Bernadette Tonge, David Hill, Bill Martin,  
Marie Sidebottom, Suzanne Mautschke, Janet Liddle,  
Maria Heywood and Dorothy Graham

**GIFT AID.** Some parishioners may have received a letter from the Diocesan Trustees asking if they still pay tax. This is purely a routine to ensure all records are up to date and nothing to worry about. If you have ceased to pay tax in the last couple of years you can let Jim Howell know if you prefer and he can pass this on to Nottingham and ensure your status is updated. Anyone with any Gift Aid question is always welcome to contact jim on 07775602258 or jim@bleakhouse.org.uk

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:**

Healthcare workers are invited to join speaker-led discussions on medical and ethical issues, every third Tuesday of the month at St Mary's Levenshulme, starting with Mass at 7.30pm. There is a poster at the back of each church, containing more information.

**EMPLOYMENT VACANCY:** There is currently a vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy in Buxton. Visits to the school are welcomed, please contact the school office: Telephone: 01298 23167 or by emailing: enquiries@st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk Closing date is 28th January 2019 at 12 noon; interviews will be held on 12th and 13th February. For more information, an application pack and to apply please visit <https://srscmat.co.uk/vacancies> or email [vacancies@srscmat.co.uk](mailto:vacancies@srscmat.co.uk).

**FAITH IN POLITICS INTERNSHIP 2019:**

The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme is recruiting at least six recently graduated Catholics to learn from an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The scheme will run from September 2019 until July 2020. Further information can be found at [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk). Applications are open, and the closing date is 28 February 2019. Applications should be made through the website. Please direct any questions to [stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk)

**REST IN PEACE ANNIVERSARIES:**

Baby Zack Spencer, Lily Day, Mary Fontana,  
James Donald Sidebottom, Rafa Gos, Les Chadwick,  
Kathleen Beighton, Michael Furlong, May Lockett,  
B Diamond, M Jones, Jean Reeves and S Pickering.  
**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**