



Marple Bridge



*I will make you
fishers of men.*

The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parishes of

St Mary
Marple Bridge

and

The Annunciation
New Mills

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SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2019

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



**TODAY, WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
WE CELEBRATE IN OUR LITURGY THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
IN DOING SO, WE HONOUR JESUS OF NAZARETH,
SON OF GOD AND SECOND PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
HIS MOTHER, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, AND HIS FOSTER FATHER,
SAINT JOSEPH, AS A FAMILY.**

**THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS FEAST IS TO PRESENT THE HOLY
FAMILY AS A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES**

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IN A YEAR WHEN WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

SUNDAYS: LECTONARY YEAR A PSALTER: WEEK 1

WEEKDAYS: LECTONARY YEAR II MISSAL: WEEK CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

5				Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday in the Christmas octave	
Saturday	28 th	Ch	5.00pm	Fr. K	<i>People of the parish</i>
		MB	6.30pm	Fr. D	
Sunday	29 th	NM	9.30am	Fr. D	<i>Brown & McGrath Family Int.</i>
		Ch.	11.00am	Fr. K	<i>Leo Feeney RIP</i>
		MB	11.15am	Mgr. Moore	
Monday	30 th	Ch.	9.30am	6 th Day Octave of Christmas	
Tuesday	31 st	NM	10.00am	Fr. D	<i>Mary O'Meara</i>
Wednesday	1 st Jan	Ch.	9.30am	Mary, The Holy Mother of God Fr. K	
		MB	9.30am	Fr. D	
Thursday	2 nd	NM	10.00am	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	
Friday	3 rd	MB	9.30am	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
1				Epiphany of the Lord	
Saturday	4 th	Ch	5.00pm	Fr. D	
		MB	6.30pm	Fr. K	
Sunday	5 th	NM	9.30am	Fr. K	<i>Amelia DeCiccio RIP</i>
		Ch.	11.00am	Fr. D	<i>Martin Cleary RIP</i>
		MB	11.15am	Mgr. Moore	

ROTAS

			29 th December	5 th January
Welcomers	6.30pm	MB	Nora Hudson	Rosemary Yui;;
Readers			Betty Reynolds	Pauline Howell
Gifts			George Wood	Val & Bill Yates
Welcomers	9.30am	NM	Assunta Ashton & Simon Sharp	Joe Hennigan & Jacqueline Patel
Readers			Maureen Bell & Marnie Patel	Mary Robinson & Pat Atkinson
Children's Liturgy				
Readers	11.00am	Ch.	Mike Francomb & Joan Matthews	
E.M's.				Andrew & Celia
Welcomers	11.15am	MB	Kate Hunt	Myra O'Connor
Readers			Vincent Coupes	Tom Delaney
Gifts			Joe Harvey	Julian Atkinson
Counters		MB	John Dixon & Chris Derbyshire	Mary & Noel Dempsey
		NM	Pat Atkinson & Deborah Laugesen	??? & David Mellor
Tea/ Coffee		NM	Deborah Laugesen	Theresa Hogg & Ella Keller-Koczaska
Cleaners		NM	Debbie and Rita	No Cleaning
		MB	Margaret & Vincent Coupes	No Cleaning
		Ch.	Barbara / Christina	

My apologies ... some of the rotas require updating for the New Year and so there are a few gaps ... I hope to have all in order for next weekend.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL:

Today's Gospel Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

1. The threat to the child Jesus put Joseph in a situation where he had to make a quick yet wise decision.
Perhaps you have also had to make a speedy response to an unexpected crisis. Who were the 'angels' who guided you to wise decisions? Remember them and give thanks.
2. The whole narrative is designed to bring out the guidance of God's providence for the child Jesus.
Have there been times when you have been grateful that things worked out well for you despite adverse circumstances or experiences?
3. External forces imposed migration on Joseph and his family, until he came to establish a home in Nazareth.
Where have you lived before coming to the place you now call home? How has this journey helped to fashion the person you are now? Perhaps you have a mixture of gratitude and regrets as you look back. Give thanks for the good memories. What helps you to deal with the disappointments and hurts in the past? Bring them to God with a prayer for further healing.
4. The story and today's feast remind us of the importance of the family in nourishing and fostering new life.
Recall and give thanks for those in your own childhood who helped you to find your way in life.

John Byrne OSA

BAPTISMS IN 2020:

Could all parents wishing to have a child baptised between now and Easter, please, come along to the Kevill Room at New Mills Church next Monday (6th Jan.) at 6.30pm. Deacon Don or I will be there to go over the fundamentals, answer any questions you may have and sort out dates for your convenience. Godparents will also be most welcome.

PLEASE, PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND.

Remember especially: Fr. John Cairns, Joan Kerrigan, Frances Page, Irene Hindle, John Hargreaves, John Hallam, Maureen Julian, Josephine Cross, Joan Bindley, Teresa Pearson, David Hodkinson, Anna Kalnis, Mark Whelan, Jani Abbs-Brown, Jan Letowska, Eileen Grace, Beverley Burke, Fr. Hugh Doherty, Aine Shaw, David Poole, Bernadette Tonge, Bill Martin, Marie Sidebottom, Suzanne Mautschke, Janet Liddle, Maria Heywood and Dorothy Graham

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network January - Evangelisation	Promotion of World Peace:	We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world. .
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THE ROSMINI CENTRE – HOUSE OF PRAYER:

Their 2020 Programme has now been published and copies are available at the back of church. A place of prayer, Adoration and retreat in our own diocese between Nottingham and Leicester: is there something for you?

CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Yes, today is the Feast of the Holy Family. How often do you pray to them? As children, many of us learnt to pray with our parents and the final prayer before falling asleep was always ...

... Jesus, Mary and Joseph I give you my heart and my soul;

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph may I breathe forth my spirit in peace with you. Amen.

These are the traditional words and, even now, can be prayed before sleep.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL:

‘Dear Lord, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word, may we also see and love you in all the people we meet.’

This is a special time of year when many people make resolutions. I (we) need to look after our health both physical and spiritual and whilst in Rome, when I had time to sit, pray and think, I decided to introduce some changes both in my own life and in the life of our parishes for the benefit of all. And so ... in the New Year

- I shall take a day off each week ... normally on a Mondays.
- As required of me, I have committed to attending an annual retreat and pilgrimage and I shall also take up my entitlement to three weekends away on holiday during the course of the year.
- There will be a single Newsletter published each week covering all three churches.
- Emails – I have been having problems with emails for Marple Bridge (largely because of the amount of Junk Mail being. I will sort it but to be assured of my attention ... in the short term, please, use the chapelrc@hotmail address to communicate with the parish.
- Weekday Masses – will continue at Chapel on a Monday (9.30am), New Mills on Tuesday and Thursday (10.00am) and Marple Bridge on Wednesday and Friday (9.30am). Additional masses will be celebrated at Chapel when assistance is to hand and will be announced on the Sunday before.

CHAPEL -DECEMBER ‘100 CLUB’ WINNERS:

First Prize - £50 – Minni Barnes;

Second Prize - £25 – Pauline Johnson. Congratulations!

Thank you for all you do and a Happy and holy New Year to you all. Fr. Kevin