



Marple Bridge



*I will make you
fishers of men.*

The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parishes of
St Mary and **The Annunciation**
Marple Bridge and New Mills
with



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*God's Servant
first*

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SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**IN SUBMITTING HIMSELF HUMBLY TO THE BAPTISM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, CHRIST
PROVIDED THE EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF US.**

**IF EVEN HE SHOULD BE BAPTIZED, THOUGH HE DID NOT NEED IT, HOW MUCH MORE SHOULD
THE REST OF US BE THANKFUL FOR THIS SACRAMENT, WHICH FREES US FROM THE DARKNESS
OF SIN AND INCORPORATES US INTO THE CHURCH, THE LIFE OF CHRIST ON EARTH!**

HIS BAPTISM WAS NECESSARY—NOT FOR HIM, BUT FOR US.

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

SUNDAYS: LECTIONARY YEAR A PSALTER: WEEK 2
WEEKDAYS: LECTIONARY YEAR II MISSAL: WEEK FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

2				The Baptism of the Lord	
Saturday	11th	Ch	5.00pm	Fr. K	<i>Kate Beighton's welfare</i>
		MB	6.30pm	Fr. K	
Sunday	12th	NM	9.30am	Fr. K	
		Ch.	11.00am	Fr. K	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
		MB	11.15am	Mgr. Moore	<i>Georgina Runnels & family (TMc)</i>
Monday	13 th	Ch.	9.30am	Feria	
Tuesday	14 th	NM	10.00am	Feria	<i>D & A Howard</i>
Wednesday	15 th	MB	9.30am	Feria	<i>Dorothy Beswick</i>
		Ch.	6.00pm	Reception into church and Vigil	<i>Yvonne McNicholas RIP</i>
Thursday	16 th	NM	10.00am	Feria	
			11.30am	Requiem Mass and interment	<i>Yvonne McNicholas RIP</i>
Friday	17 th	MB	9.30am	Feria	
3				2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Peace Sunday	<i>Retiring Collection for The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund</i>
Saturday	18th	Ch	5.00pm	Fr. D	
		MB	6.30pm	Fr. K	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	19th	NM	9.30am	Fr. K	<i>T. H. Doherty</i>
		Ch.	11.00am	Fr. D	
		MB	11.15am	Mgr. Moore	<i>Angela & Chris Byrom</i>

ROTAS

			12th JANUARY	19th JANUARY
Welcomers	6.30pm	MB	J Howell	Eileen Burgess
Readers			Maureen Matthews	Steve Burgess
Gifts			Steve & Eileen Burgess	Betty Reynolds
Welcomers	9.30am	NM	Theresa Hogg & Sheila Harrison	Pat McGrath & Pat Atkinson
Children's' Lit.			Jo Barber & Mary Robinson	Ann Webb & Sheila Harrison
Readers			Catherine Butler & Sheila Harrison	Nick Reynolds & Joss Abbs Brown
Counters			Marie Forbes & Peter Doyle	Kath Barnie & Von Hallworth
Tea/ Coffee			Angela & Jim McGlynn	Theresa Hogg & Ella Keller-Koczaska
Cleaners			After 9.30 Mass- ALL WELCOME	Debbie & Rita
Readers	11.00am	Ch.	R Bateman & K Payce-Drury	J Matthews & C Durkin
Counters			Barbara & Eleanor	Helen & Len
E.M's.			Andrew & Celia	No EM Visits
Cleaners			Marie Helen	No Cleaning
Welcomers	11.15am	MB	Jean Sorahan	Kate Hunt
Readers			Martin Savage	Gloria Tomalin
Gifts			Denise Ead	Julian Atkinson
Counters			Margaret & Vincent Coupes	Pauline & Jim Howell
Cleaners			Catherine Anderson	John Dixon & Margaret Phelan

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13-17*

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

YEAR OF THE WORD

‘The God who Speaks’ – the additional copies of St Matthews Gospel have arrived and you will find them at the back of church. As it says on the back of the booklet, ‘Everyone should carry a small Bible or pocket edition of the Gospels and should find a few minutes every day to read the word of God.’ (Pope Francis, 2014)

Please, take one and try to do what the Pope asks. If more are needed, I’ll order them ... let me know!

BAPTISMS IN 2020:

Thank you to those who turned up at the meeting on Monday evening. The numbers were very disappointing, especial since the meeting was first advertised on the Feast of Christ the King and on most Sundays since. If you still wish to have your child baptized before Easter, please, come and have a word with me. As you will hear today, Commitment is one of the most important aspects of Baptism. This commitment involves coming to meet Christ, at least every Sunday.

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 Hodgkinson, Anna Kalnis, 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, Betty Etchells 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 YOUTH 2000 & LEEDS TRINITY UNIVERSITY RETREAT

This is a weekend of friendship, prayer and fun, where we come together as a community of young people to grow in our relationship with God with the support of the Church. It is anyone between the ages of 16 - 35. If you are under 18 you will need to be accompanied by someone who is over 18. Families are also welcome.

Over the weekend, you will journey together in prayer, friendship, social time & teaching to discover that God is with us always and everything He has really is ours! It's not expensive and your place(s) could be subsidised. Check it out on the WWW... LEEDS RETREAT 2020 (Only the best people have studied here!)

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Within our area we have four main branches of Churches Together, Marple and District, New Mills, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Tideswell with a small but active branch in Hayfield. Perhaps, you have a Mum, Dad, husband or wife active in one of the other denominations and would like to share the practice of your faith with them more. Perhaps you think that we ought to be growing together or you might already be active in one of the groups – give me a ring, let me know who and where you are and, perhaps, we can all be more active

C.T. NEW MILLS ... Welcome ... to The Revd. Geraint Owain Mitchell the new Vicar of St George's. His institution will be led by the Rt. Rev. Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby and he will be inducted by the Ven. Carol Coslett, Archdeacon of Chesterfield on Thursday, 6th February at the Parish Church.

C.T. NEW MILLS: ... Mark O'Brien, a former BBC producer will be giving a talk on THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT in the Providence URC New Mills at 7.30pm this Tuesday, 14th January. Doors open at 7.00pm. You might like to go along?

STOCKPORT FOOD BANK:

The Poynton Brass Band brings you "Only the Classics", a charity concert in support of the foodbank to which all the proceeds go. It will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 24th January at Hazel Grove Baptist Church.

You can get tickets from the Vernon Building Society, priced £6.00 or reserve them by email (foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk) and pay for them on the night.

JOB VACANCY – SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES:

The Diocese of Nottingham is seeking to appoint a Support & Administration Services Officer. This is a permanent full-time post - although job sharing may be a possibility. For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk. The closing date is the 31st January.

CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

This Monday afternoon at 4.00pm in the presbytery. Look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for all, Fr. Kevin