



Marple Bridge

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



New Mills



*I will make you
fishers of men.*

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SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



CANDLEMAS

**TODAY IS A SPECIAL
DAY OF PRAYER FOR
CONSECRATED LIFE**

**TODAY THE MARIAN ANTHEM
CHANGES TO
'AVE REGINA CAELORUM'**

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

SUNDAYS: LECTIONARY YEAR A PSALTER: WEEK 4
WEEKDAYS: LECTIONARY YEAR II MISSAL: WEEK 4 OT

1	FEB.			The Presentation of the Lord		<i>Blessing of Candles</i>
Saturday	2nd	Ch	5.00pm		Fr. K	
		MB	6.30pm		Fr. K	<i>Allen Family (Perp A)</i>
Sunday	3rd	NM	9.30am		Fr. K	
		Ch.	11.00am		Fr. K	
		MB	11.15am		Mgr. Moore	<i>In Thanksgiving (KH)</i>
Monday	4 th	Ch.	9.30am	Feria	Fr. K	
Tuesday	5 th	NM	10.00am	St Agatha, virgin and martyr	Fr. K	
Wednesday	6 th	MB	9.30am	Ss Paul Miki & Companions	Fr. K	<i>B. O'Dwyer (Perp A)</i>
Thursday	7 th	NM	10.00am	Feria	Fr. K	
Friday	8 th	MB	9.30am	Feria	Fr. K	
2				5th Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Saturday	9th	Ch	5.00pm		Fr. K	
		MB	6.30pm		Fr. K	<i>Theresa Coop</i>
Sunday	10th	NM	9.30am		Fr. K	
		Ch.	11.00am		Fr. K	
		MB	11.15am		Mgr. Moore	

ROTAS

	MB	2nd February	9th February
Welcomers	6.30	Celia Osborn	Gordon Lyon
Readers	pm	Betty Reynolds	Pauline Howell
Gifts		Celia Osborn	Val&Bill Yates
	NM		
Welcomers	9.30	Brian Tierney & Jacqueline Patel	Theresa Hogg & Sheila Harrison
Children's' Lit.	am	Helen Whelan & Linda Flowers	Jacqui Patel & Mary Robinson
Readers		Daisy Greenwood & Jacqueline Patel	Marnie Patel & Maureen Bell
Counters		Keith & Brenda Mastin	Chris & Linda Flowers
Tea/ Coffee		Angie & Jim McGlynn	Pat McGrath & Deborah Laugesen
Cleaners		No Cleaning	Jo
	Ch.		
Readers	11.00	K Payce Drury & A Parker	M Francomb
Counters	am	Marie Helen	Kim & Joan
E.M's.		Andrew & Celia	No EM Visits
Cleaners		No Cleaning	Pat & Caroline
	MB		
Welcomers	11.15	Myra O'Connor	Jean Sorahan
Readers	am	Joe Harvey	Tom Delaney
Gifts		Denise Ead	Joe Harvey
Counters		Kath & Bob Carter	Ann Lyon & Rita Buckley
Cleaners		Catherine Anderson	Myra O'Connor & Veronica Jarman

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

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENSE OF THE GOSPEL:

It was a day that started without an expectation of anything unusual. Simeon and Anna set about making a visit to the Temple that had become part of their daily routine. Joseph and Mary were going to make the presentation of their child in the Temple, an optional but common practice of God-fearing parents. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, or advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God?

The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

Have you never been on pilgrimage? Perhaps, you have not been recently? Have you been to Lourdes? Why not join Bishop Patrick and many other people (12th to 17th July) on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes by either air or train? The theme this year is "I am the Immaculate Conception". There are leaflets at the back of church; you could have a word with Fr Simon Gillespie (07760 372105); or, visit www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham

REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO MARY:

During 2020, a commitment to pray the Angelus at the traditional times is to be commended for two reasons. Firstly, in the year in which we will rededicate England as Mary’s Dowry, we remember what we might call “English” Marian devotion is centred upon the Incarnation, the whole focus of the Angelus prayer.

After all, it was at Walsingham where Our Lady appeared to Richeldis de Faverches and asked her to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth, where the Annunciation took place. Secondly, in this Year of the Word of God, the three versicles of the Angelus which beautifully encapsulate the wonder of the Incarnation will help us enter more deeply into the mystery of the Word of God becoming man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Praying the Angelus each day this year will bring us closer to our Our Lady, who can then lead us to her Divine Son, the Word made flesh. “Pray for us O Holy Mother of God: that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.” DM

FAITH INTO ACTION: **A day to build social action in the Diocese of Nottingham -**

Saturday 28 March 2020, Cathedral Hall - Nottingham Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church’s worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. ‘Faith into Action’ is a day to take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction, or call 07470 907656 for further info. It would be nice to have one or two from each church?

ST MARY’S NEW MILLS SCHOOL LOTTERY:

We have launched a school lottery! Tickets cost £1 per week and 40% of all ticket sales come back to school to go towards providing extra resources for the children. The first draw will take place on Saturday 1st February. Enquire at school.

MARPLE BRIDGE AND NEW MILLS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

In the Kevill Room at New Mills at 7.00pm on Thursday I look forward to seeing you!

THE CHAPEL LUNCHEON CLUB

The next meeting will be in the Beehive at Coombs, 12.30pm Thursday 27th February. (the following day will see the first of our Lenten Lunches in the Town Hall.)

Thank you for all, Fr. Kevin

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network February	Listen to the Migrants’ Cries	We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal human smuggling and human trafficking, may be heard and considered.
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