



Marple Bridge



*I will make you
fishers of men.*

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



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SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY

Today we pray ...

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever

As children of God, we share the
Spirit of his only Son and can cry out
'Abba-Father'
With intimate confidence then,
we make our prayers to the One who
has loved us before all ages.



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TRINITY SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

If we do not readily see the link between tenderness, compassion and commandments, the shortcoming lies in our understanding rather than in the reality. The God who gives the commandments is indeed 'a God of tenderness and compassion.'

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-7,12-13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians ends with the fullest trinitarian formula in the New Testament. His struggles to foster unity among the argumentative, fractious believers at Corinth are crowned with a reference to the very source of unity: the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

GOSPEL JOHN 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

To refuse God's son is to refuse God's love; and to refuse God's love is not to be condemned by God, but to condemn oneself

SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. The reading evokes contrasting images of God, a God who judges and a God who saves. We might reflect on how our image of God has changed with the years. What has helped you to believe in a God whose will is that you should have eternal life?
2. God sent his Son into the world for this purpose, that we might have eternal life. How has the story of Jesus helped you to have that kind of faith?
3. The eternal life promised is life that begins now, and survives all forms of death, failure, defeat and humiliation. What has helped you to have that sense of being alive, even in painful and disappointing circumstances?

MASSES INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday	Mari Linda Naji RIP
Tuesday	Ann Alinson RIP
Wednesday	FK's Intentions
Thursday	Fr. Michael Eastwood's (Diamond Jubilee)
Friday	Canon Peter Coyle RIP (2017) (We were in school at Ushaw together. Another Mancunian who found his way to Nottingham Diocese.)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

TUESDAY **9TH JUNE ... ST. COLUMBA**

Columba (Gaelic Colm Cille) He was born in Gartan, in Ireland's County Donegal, and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and possibly Kells, before leaving Ireland as a missionary, "an exile for Christ."

His greatest foundation was Iona, from where he converted much of western Scotland, and his followers took the Gospel as far as northern England. He died at Iona in 597. He was renowned as a poet and scribe as well as a spiritual guide.

In Gaelic literature he appears as Ireland's most popular saint, noted for his great personal love of all creatures, both human and animal.

THURSDAY **11TH JUNE ... ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE, PATRON OF THE CATHEDRAL**

Saint Barnabas was born in Cyprus. He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem and vouched for St Paul when he appeared before the elders there. He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there. He was probably martyred at Salamis in Cyprus, some time before the year 61.

SATURDAY **13TH JUNE ... ST ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR**

Saint Antony was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak.

His shrine is a centre of pilgrimage, and he is also the patron saint of the lost and found.

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And next Sunday 14th June, we celebrate ...

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)**

PRAYING AT HOME

Much prayer is like comfort food: like a bowl of cereal or a bread and butter pudding; a tasty stew. We have our staples which we don't necessarily 'enjoy' but consume three or four times each day, as regular as clockwork. Over the years we develop habits but going, occasionally for a Lamb Henry or a bowl of Spaghetti Carbonara is a real treat.

Prayer is much the same but, over the years, it has become clear that many people don't have the staples in their store cupboards and come for the comfort foods on a Sunday. They've got into the habit of just enjoying the treats and ignoring the necessities.

Morning and Night Prayer are the minimum to keep us alive and well ... and, where you have a priest available, that minimum should include daily mass. Many people do not have the luxury of a priest and every person's home store cupboard differs in its contents. Sadly, many of these cupboards are bare, devoid of even the basics: it is the spiritual version of the many food famines which exist around the world; the people of skin and bone we see in the news broadcasts; we do not smile; we do not go out of our way to share the love which God shares with us; we have learned to say, "Sorry, no, I'm far too busy."

Now, in this lock-down, it is time to replenish our spiritual store cupboards and draw on the supplies that our parents, priests and teachers supplied us with years ago and we put away for a rainy day.

Perhaps we could start simply with a Morning Offering, Glory be ... Hail Mary ... and an Our Father. Then in the evening: an examination of conscience, thinking of what we have done during the day, the way we interacted with people, how we could have helped them ... followed by an Act of Contrition and a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking him to help us be more the person Jesus wants us to be tomorrow.

Once you have ditched the daily bowl of rice and gradually, as your appetite and appreciation for spiritual food return you could experiment in some of the posh restaurants and fine dining establishments.

As you try to discover what you like best and develop your spiritual palate you may wish to look to Our Lady and her shrine at Walsingham where the chaplains provide quite an interesting menu; with some of the dishes advertised you may wish to recreate them at home and when alone and ensure that you have the necessities in your spiritual cupboard.

Shrine Livestream Schedule

Morning*

08.00 – Morning Prayer**

09.30 – **Holy Mass**

10.00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.30 – Talk – Pause for Faith

11.00 – Rosary

12.00 – Angelus and **Holy Mass** followed by Exposition

Afternoon*

15.00 – Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary

15.45 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

16.00 – Talk – Pause for Faith (repeated from the morning)

17.00 – Benediction

Evening*

18.00 – Angelus and Vespers**

18.30 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** until the next day

***BST (British Summer Time)**

**** from Dowry House Chapel in Walsingham**

I WAS ASKED ... WHY LATIN?

Yes, over the past few weeks I have been sharing a few prayers in both English and Latin. Many wouldn't believe it but, many people who profess to being Catholic rarely pray at all except when at Mass or in church.

So, I've given the English so that those people have a place to start. If you belong to this group, you could put together your own prayer book, a simple prayer book, and this could be your introduction or refresher into a much happier life style.

And the Latin? Latin is still the official language of the Church. It is spoken nowhere but provides a universal continuation of the meaning behind our prayers; the way in which Christ wanted us to pray – no, not necessarily in Latin but rather the way in which we honour praise and petition God our Creator. The English language changes because it is used in everyday communications; even though the Our Father has not changed, in that time I have had to learn two new versions both of the Hail Mary (thee, you) and the prayer to the Holy Ghost (Spirit).

From the early '60 when, locally, mass and the sacraments changed into the vernacular, it was always recommended that every Catholic should know, learn and use the Latin/Greek employed in everyday community prayers: Kyrie; Gloria in Excelsis; Credo; Sanctus; Pater Noster; Agnus Dei and the Marian Anthems. It is a beautiful language and the meaning of the words do not change: one faith; one hope; one Church; one language. All official documents from the Vatican are promulgated in Latin.

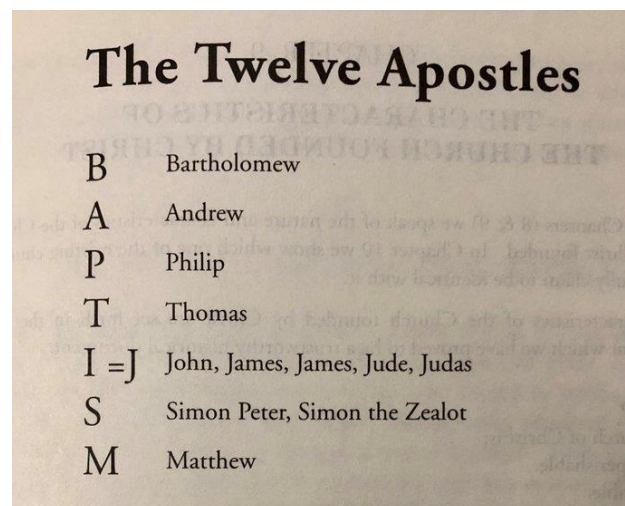
If the Dutch priest celebrating Mass on a French camp site suddenly said, 'Pater noster ...' all the Italian, German and Belgian families in the congregation should be able to join-in with him; even the English families. Why not start with the Rosary: three simple prayers, because, once you have learnt the words your mind should be on the mystery of the decade.

TWITTER

I came across this aide memoire on Twitter during the course of the week. Why not try it?

Over the years, I have often tried to recall the names of the apostles even to the point where I counted them off on my fingers and discovered that I had enough fingers. Oops!

Three years ago, from Chapel, I started a parish Twitter account and two or three times each week I am able to show people what I am thinking about with a simple



If you join Twitter, you can find the parish Twitter account at @ChapelRC. The idea of joining the service on behalf of our two parishes was as a bit of fun and frivolity bit with the opportunity of a little gentle catechises and as an extension to this weekly newsletter.

On twitter it is easy to be seduced by lots of interesting 256-character snippets of both news and fun but you are always in control and you can block mute any subscripts who's views you find offensive. I follow many of the neighbouring parishes and schools, the Pope, Vatican and various Catholic News agencies around the world; even some parishioners who seem to like having a joke at my expense (Don't worry. I'll win in the end). Why not join us?

JOB VACANCY:

The Catholic parishes in the East of Nottingham wish to recruit a Community Coordinator to work across our parishes; St Augustine's, Our Lady & St Edward's and Sacred Heart. This is a full-time position and the person appointed will lead and coordinate the pastoral and administrative work of the parishes. This exciting new role is ideal for someone who has experience and skills in administration and finance, who is a good communicator and is willing to work as part of a team, leading and taking the initiative when necessary. For more details and how to apply, contact Fr Joe Wheat sacredheartcarlton@gmail.com Tel 0115 9118266. Closing date 26th June.

THE NEW MILLS GROTTO:

Thank you for the photographs. I think some greenery; possibly trailing plants would look nice?

Thank you to all who worked so hard.



Our lady of Lourdes, Pray for us

OPENING OUR CHURCHES:

Following on from my recent item in the newsletter

I have just today received an email from the Bishop, asking us to consider how we could, if allowed, open any of our churches, initially for Private prayer only, in the near future...

This means no services of any kind, led by priest or lay person

In making any plans it is important that each church has a volunteer who is willing to co-ordinate the plans that will need to be made

So, we immediately need a volunteer from Marple Bridge, and Chapel to contact Joe Hennigan, email jfh3302@gmail.com who will co-ordinate the response along with me.

REPAIRS AT NEW MILLS:

At the start of the lockdown the spire and organ loft suffered an inundation of water. The damage has been surveyed and during the course of the coming week the diocesan Building and Sites Committee will be meeting to discuss and authorise progress on repairs. I am presuming that their deliberations will be favourable as I have arranged a meeting

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

AND FINALLY:

News on the ground is a little thin this week. I'm open to ideas and suggestions. If you come across anything you think might be worth sharing, drop me an email and I will try and include it.

Thank you for all, Fr. Kevin

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