



Marple Bridge



*I will make you
fishers of men.*

The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parishes of
St Mary and **The Annunciation**
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with



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*God's Servant
first*

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2020

TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

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THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Today we pray ...

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

FIRST READING *JEREMIAH 20:10-13*

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

The prophet Jeremiah suffers greatly on account of his faithfulness to God's word. His courage consists not in the absence of fear, but in his continued proclamation, even when it costs him dearly

SECOND READING *ROMANS 5:12-15*

The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

'The gift itself considerably outweighed the fall.' The consequences of sin are very real, very concrete, but God's grace and his providence are always of greater consequence. Sin has entered the world, but God's Son, in entering the world, has defeated it.

GOSPEL *MATTHEW 10:26-33*

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

'Do not be afraid.' Three times in this short reading we hear those words. Why the repetition? Because Jesus sees and understands our tendency to fear, and because he wants to replace it with courage.

SEEING LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

1. 'Do not fear' is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead.
He urges them to have courage in speaking and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds his care for hundreds of sparrows.
How has trust in God been a source of strength in life for you?
2. For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain.
When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?
3. There is no such thing as secret discipleship.
It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that his followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of 'Mick' Michael John Denehy, aged 76 years, of Grange Park Avenue, Chapel who died last week.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; protect and support the family in their grief.

THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION AT NEW MILLS

IS NOW

OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:

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S: Ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.

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My apologies to those of you who remember well, not only these words but the real joy of spending time in prayer and contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament. You have experienced the need to develop a prayer life with books, rosaries, notepads ...

Even if you can't remember these words, you are all very welcome to come and spend a few moments in prayer, maybe light a candle and enjoy the peace and serenity of God presence. The Blessed Sacrament, Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity will be close to you on the altar; waiting to greet you.

The Church will be open:

Wednesdays

4pm to 6pm

Fridays

11.00am to 01.00pm

For everybody's Safety:

1. Please keep 2 metres social distance when coming and going and in the church: check to ensure that you pass nobody in the porch.
2. As you come in and leave, please use the hand sanitiser provided.
3. Some seats are taped off to help us keep the required distance apart from one another.
4. Families/people from the same household do not need to observe social distancing amongst themselves and may sit/kneel together
5. There will be no toilet facilities available during your visit.
6. There is a maximum number of people allowed in at any one time, so you may have to wait outside until told you can come in.
7. Once in, please do not touch any statues, crucifixes, or other devotional objects.

Stewards will be present to make sure we are kept safe and follow the regulations.

If you are one of those people who have been advised not to come out unnecessarily, please take that advice and keep yourself safe at home.

Thank you to ...

Deacon Don, Joe Hennigan, Pat Atkinson and all who have put so much effort into opening our churches: hopefully, St Mary's and St John Fisher will be open soon. A special thank you to those who will be acting as stewards and all those who volunteered for the role but were age inhibited.

Opening Times at other churches:

<i>St. Anne's, Buxton</i>	<i>Holy Spirit, Marple</i>
Wednesday: 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Tuesdays 10.30am - 11:30am.
Friday: 11:00am – 12:00noon	Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Saturday: 11:00am – 12:00noon	Saturday 11:00am – 12:00 noon.

ON THIS DAY IN OTHER YEARS: St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 - 1591)

St Aloysius was the eldest son of a Mantuan nobleman, and was intended by his father to be a soldier.

Aloysius, on the other hand, had determined to be a missionary, and even to die for his faith. He renounced his birth right in favour of his brother and at the age of 16 became a Jesuit novice in Rome, living the same life of severe austerity and penance that he had followed even when serving in the courts of dukes and princes.

In 1591 an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome, and the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, still a novice, worked hard in the hospital until he himself caught the plague. He did not recover; but, his determination to die for the faith having been fulfilled, died at midnight on the 20th of June with the name of Jesus on his lips.

Today, as we think of St Aloysius, we might think of the families with young children who, even in our welfare state, struggle to put food on the table; all the young people who in this modern pandemic have done much to assist all around them.

St Aloysius has always been a role model. Many Junior Seminaries and schools have been named after him. His example still inspires many people around the world to give of themselves for the good of others: living example of the Beatitudes.

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Monday is the Feast of **Saints John Fisher**, Bishop, and **Thomas More** ... both martyrs and patrons of the church in Chapel. Today, I will be offering mass for all the people of the parish and ask that you join me in a spiritual communion praying that we might all fulfil our vocation of becoming 'fishers of men' and place God before all else in what we do say and think.

Wednesday We celebrate the **Birthdays of St John the Baptist**: Only he and Our Lady have more than one feast in the year. I wonder why?

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have a magnificent and ever improving web site where you can keep up-to-date with what is going on in the church.

www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/

If you do nothing else this week and have access to the Internet, read and pray the articles on the first page. Only by reading articles like these will you truly come to know, love and live your faith.

AND FINALLY:

Please, remember that we have parishioners who have neither a car, a telephone nor a computer: with the sick and the housebound, keep them in your prayers and do all you can not only to befriend them but ensure they feel part of our community.

Thank you for all, Fr. Kevin

Need a Priest in the High Peak?

01457 620272 Fr. Martin & Fr Daniel are on-call