



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



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YOU MUST TAKE IT WITH YOU.**

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SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Guidance for attending Mass at New Mills:**

The church will be open 30 minutes before and after mass for quiet prayer.

Because of limited capacity, and Government regulations, anyone wishing to attend Mass will have to pre-book their place. If people arrive without having pre-booked their place and the church is, or likely to be at capacity, unfortunately they will not be allowed in.

**To book a place please ring 07561 699278, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday,** at least one day in advance of the service you wish to attend and one of our Parishioners will help.

Please be ready to give your name, contact details, and how many places needed -this is the only way places may be pre-booked.

Services may only be booked 7 days in advance, and one service at a time. If the service you wish to attend is full (as is likely on Sundays), we will operate a priority list for following weeks.

Please arrive at the service early, to allow time for the Stewards to show you to your allocated space. Social Distancing continues to operate in the Church, always keeping a distance of 2 Metres.

**Times of Holy Mass at New Mills:**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	12.30 p.m.	<b>Requiem: Catherine Cortvriend RIP (by invitation only)</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	4.30 p.m.	Sean O'Connor RIP
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	11-30 a.m.	Marie Davies Birthday Int.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Safeguarding Representative:**

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

<u>FIRST READING</u>	<i>WISDOM 12:13, 16-19</i>
<u>SECOND READING</u>	<i>ROMANS 8:26-27</i>
<u>GOSPEL</u>	<i>MATTHEW 13:24-43</i>

## REFLECTION

Wednesday marks the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. The celebrations of the Church come in three ranks: the lowest is a Memorial, the next is a Feast, and the highest is a Solemnity. In recent times the feast of St. Mary Magdalene has been upgraded from a Memorial. The document states: 'The Church, both in the East and in the West has always regarded Saint Mary Magdalene the first witness of the Lord's resurrection and the first evangelist'.

Let us ask the intercession of St. Mary Magdalene, that we may imitate her devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

The repose of the soul of Catherine Cortvirend, late of Marple Bridge, whose funeral takes place this week.

## OPENING FOR MASS AT MARPLE BRIDGE

This is still a work in progress. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this. Information will be published as soon as it is available.

## SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION:

Please, if you are shielding, vulnerable or 'bubbling' with somebody in these categories, refrain from coming to church. It is important that you look after not only your own, but your family's health. Our bishops have relaxed the rules of Sunday observance and have no intention of reintroducing the obligation to attend mass until such time as everybody can be safely accommodated in church.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This Sacrament can now be offered, subject to certain COVID considerations. Please speak to Fr Daniel if you would like to arrange this Sacrament.

## **FR DANIEL WRITES**

It is an unusual time to move into a parish, but it is much easier to do so having been familiar with these churches already. Many thanks for the welcome shown thus far. Hopefully, as time goes on, we can restart more and more of our usual parish activities.

This is my third appointment in the Diocese of Nottingham. Firstly, I was assistant at St. Peter's in Hinckley (the oldest parish in the Diocese), also helping at Earl Shilton and Market Bosworth (of battlefield fame). Then I moved to the other end of the Diocese to Hadfield, Broadbottom and Gamesley, where I was of course helping quite a lot in this parish along with Chapel.

The emergency number in case of serious illness is still in operation, with Fr Martin Sylvester and I taking responsibility for it. For all other enquiries, the Marple Bridge telephone number is now back in use. You can find it at the top of the newsletter.

May God bless you all in the coming week.

## **PARISH FINANCES:**

Despite the enforced lockdown and physical closure of our church buildings, we still have to keep the finances going in order to pay the bills. This is made more difficult because part of the weekly offertory (contributions via the plate, or by the envelope system) are struggling to reach us.

As the churches begin to open and services resume, those able to attend will notice that at Mass, there will be no Offertory Collection. Those attending will, however, be able to place their donation in a basket as they enter or leave church.

There is an alternative which makes things easier for all (including the Counters and those actually go to the bank): it allows parishioners who use digital/ online banking and which ensures that your offertory reaches us in due time.

It is quite easy for such parishioners to set up, through their own bank, a Standing Order in favour of the Church to ensure your offertory can still be received despite the lockdown or restricted access.

You can do this through your phone or computer using the bank's own system to set up a Standing Order.

The details you need are:

1. **the Recipient** "St Mary & The Annunciation Parish NRCDT"
2. **the amount** which you can enter yourself; weekly or monthly; and
3. you need to put **your name** in the "reference" section so we can identify your payment.

The only other information you need is the parish **Sort Code** and **Account number**.

For data protection reasons those details cannot be printed here, but anyone wishing to proceed with this method is free to telephone:

Jim Howell on 07775602258 or  
email [jim@bleakhouse.org.uk](mailto:jim@bleakhouse.org.uk) and he will be happy to supply this information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and thank you to those who have found other ways of getting their weekly donation to me. Whatever else, please, do not worry about not being able to donate during the current circumstance: I, certainly, am not worrying.