



Marple Bridge

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



New Mills

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YOU MUST TAKE IT WITH YOU.  
Please, if touched, do not leave it in church.**

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2020

18<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 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	12 noon	Requiem: Betty Etchells <b>(by invitation only)</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30 p.m.	Gerry Pickens RIP
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	11.30 a.m.	McMahon family intentions
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

**Safeguarding Representative:**

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING

*ISAIAH 55:1-3*

### PSALM RESPONSE

**YOU OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND, O LORD, YOU GRANT OUR DESIRES.**

### SECOND READING

*ROMANS 8:35, 37-39*

### GOSPEL

*MATTHEW 14:13-21*

## REFLECTION

On Thursday it is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. (See Matthew 17:1-9.) This important occasion is a reminder of the divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It should also help to renew our longing to join our Lord in the heavenly kingdom.

On Saturday, it is the memorial of St Dominic. Let us remember in prayer all those members of the Dominican Order, also known as the Order of Preachers. We think especially of those Dominicans ministering in the other end of the Diocese in Leicester. Let us pray also for our previous bishop (who came from that order), now Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool.

## AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON FACE COVERINGS

**From Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August face coverings will be compulsory in places of worship.**

## NEW MILLS BINS

Please take great care when disposing of items in the New Mills dustbins, to ensure that no incorrect items are placed within.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Maureen Matthews who is currently in hospital. Let us pray for all our sick and housebound. We pray for Betty Etchells whose funeral takes place this week, and we remember her family and friends. Let us pray also for all those affected by the new local restrictions.

## OPENING FOR MASS AT MARPLE BRIDGE

The work for this is progressing nicely. Many thanks to all those who have helped thus far. Further updates will be published as they arrive.

## 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.

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

The emergency number in case of serious illness is still in operation, with both me and Fr Martin Sylvester 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.

## PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE

Speak to Fr Daniel for details.

### **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 own phone or computer by you 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.