

Marple Bridge

The Catholic Community Newsletter for the parish of

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The Annunciation



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New Mills

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SUNDAY 9th August 2020 19TH 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 9th August 9.30 a.m. Wednesday 12th August 4.30 p.m. Friday 14th August 11.15 a.m.

Sunday 16th August 9.30 a.m. (Transferred solemnity of the Assumption)

People of the Parish Good health of Truman and Clair Funeral service: Mary Jane House By invitation only People of the Parish

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING1 KINGS 19: 9, 11-13PSALM RESPONSELET US SEE, O LORD YOUR MERCY AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP.Second ReadingROMANS 9:1-5GOSPELMATTHEW 14:22-33

A NOTE ON FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings are now compulsory in places of worship, under Government requirements.

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 died recently. Let us pray for David and all her family and many friends. We pray for Mary Jane House whose funeral takes place this week, and we pray for all who mourn.

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.

NEW MILLS MASS TIMES

I have been pleased with the numbers coming to New Mills for Mass thus far. At the moment, the regular Mass times are:

Wednesday 4.30pm Friday 11.30am Sunday 9.30am.

The unusual time for the Wednesday Mass evolved from the 4-6pm slot when the Church was only open for private prayer. Would people appreciate it if this was moved later on, to make it easier for those at work to attend? Please let me know. Any changes would likely be made in September. I also have to bear in mind the availability of our dedicated stewards and organisers.