



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 16TH AUGUST 2020

THE ASSUMPTION

Guidance for attending Mass at New Mills:

Because of limited capacity, anyone wishing to attend Mass will have to pre-book their place.

If people arrive without having pre-booked 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.

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.

OPENING FOR MASS AT MARPLE BRIDGE

We hope to have the first post-lockdown Mass at Marple Bridge on Saturday 22nd August at 6.30 pm. This will be subject to diocesan approval.

To book a place for this provisional Mass, please contact Joe Harvey on **07723 381589**, from 0900 on Wednesday 19th. If the requirements of the Diocese have not been met by that stage, those booked in will be contacted.

Please see the relevant parts of the New Mills guidance, which will apply at Marple Bridge.

NRC DT (Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust)

Registered Charity Company No: 7151646 Charity No: 1134449

Registered Office:

Willson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW

Safeguarding Representative:

Mrs Jo Barber (NM)

Kate Hunt (Contact on 07790 102011 or via the Presbytery)

Times of Holy Mass and other services

Sun 16 Assumption (transferred)	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 17				
Tue 18				Burial of Maureen Matthews – your prayers are requested
Wed 19	1630	NM	Mass	Kieran Hynes RIP
Thu 20 St Bernard				
Fri 21 St Pius X	1130	NM	Mass	Lionel Barnie
Sat 22 Queenship of Mary	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Provisional: subject to confirmation
Sun 23 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING *APOCALYPSE 11:19; 12:1-6,10*

PSALM RESPONSE **ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN, IN GARMENTS OF GOLD.**

SECOND READING *1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26*

GOSPEL *LUKE 1:39-56*

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 whose burial will take place this week.

Your prayers are also asked for Howard Ballard who is undergoing treatment.

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.

FR STAPPARD

Sends his best wishes to you all.

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 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.