



Marple Bridge

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.
Please, if touched, do not leave it in church.**

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Guidance for attending Mass:

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 telephone:

NEW MILLS 07561 699278

MARPLE BRIDGE 07723 381589

between 9am and 5pm 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.

A NOTE ON FACE COVERINGS

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

Times of Holy Mass and other services

Sat 22 nd August	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Maggie Wood-Collins RIP
Sun 23 21 st Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 24 St Bartholomew				
Tue 25				
Wed 26	1630	NM	Mass	Special intention (MB)
Thu 27 St Monica				
Fri 28 St Augustine	1130	NM	Mass	Betty Etchells
Sat 29 Passion of St John the Baptist	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Maureen Matthews RIP
Sun 30 22 nd Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

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THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23

PSALM RESPONSE **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

There will be no weekday Masses during the week commencing 31st August.

After that, from the week commencing 7th September, there will be one weekday Mass at New Mills: Thursday at 10.30am.

This will be reviewed in response to changes in demand.

Do look out for any changes to the regular schedule in the newsletter.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Frank McMahon who died recently. Let us pray for him, his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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 in use. You can find it at the top of the newsletter.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all those who have helped to have Marple Bridge approved for Holy Mass. Thanks also to those who continue to do such good work at New Mills.

A WAY TO DONATE

The Diocese has set up a system of online donations, whereby payments can be made to various funds, including individual parishes.

Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/> and click on the relevant link at the top of the page.

PARISH FINANCES:

Now that our churches are open, 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.