

Marple Bridge

The Catholic Community Newsletter for the parish of

St Mary Marple Bridge

The Annunciation and **New Mills**



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SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

24TH 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 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday NEW MILLS 07561 699278 MARPLE BRIDGE 07723 381589

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.

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW COMPULSORY IN PLACES OF WORSHIP, UNDER GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS. Times of Holy Mass and other services

Sat 12 th September	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Douglas and Margaret Helliwell
Sun 13 24 th Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 14 Exaltation of the Cross				
Tue 15 Our Lady of Sorrows	1030	NM	Mass	Howard Ballard
Wed 16 Cornelius & Cyprian				
Thu 17				
Fri 18	12noon	NM	Funeral	Frank McMahon RIP (by invitation only)
Sat 19	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Maureen Matthews RIP
Sun 20 25 th Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

Safeguarding Representative:

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING ECCLESIASTICUS 27:30 – 28:7

PSALM RESPONSE THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE, SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN MERCY.

SECOND READING ROMANS 14: 7-9 **GOSPEL** MATTHEW 18:21-35

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE

will be taken this weekend. Offerings can be placed in the relevant basket at the back of Church.

WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES

Please take careful note of the changes to Mass times above.

There will be Mass at New Mills on Tuesday. Although the plan is to have the regular weekday Mass on Thursdays, there will inevitably be alterations from time to time.

Virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham, 27th September 2020

With great help and support from the Shrine staff we are able to offer, this year, a 'virtual' pilgrimage to Walsingham, where distance is no barrier to sharing in the day. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__0aJG5juz0) or at the Basilica live stream https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/_Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00. Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: https://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/

Bishop Marcus Stock of Leeds is leading the day and will be at the Shrine in person. It is a day of prayer and reparation for the sanctity of life. Our society has attacked the Church's deep rooted teachings on these issues for a very long time. The Pilgrimage started 37 years ago with some parishioners from Spanish Place, Westminster diocese, led by Fr Jeremy Davies, on a single coach. In recent times the day has been attended by between 1000 and 1400 pilgrims

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ... Frank McMahon whose funeral takes place this week. Let us pray for him, his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

FR KEVIN

Parishioners may know that from mid-September Fr Kevin will be taking over a new post as Parish Priest at St Mary's Grantham. Because of the difficulties of arranging a collective expression from the parish community to wish him well for the future, the two Church Committees have sent him a letter expressing thanks and appreciation for his dedication and commitment to us over the past few years, especially as this period covered some difficult and stressful times. A copy is displayed on the notice board.

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

Please note the emergency number at the top of the newsletter.

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

I am keen that the parish can support those who are sick and housebound. Do let me know if there is somebody who would value the support of the Church. This would apply whether he/she is at home, in a care setting, or in hospital. What I am able to do will depend on restrictions, but I can offer whatever help I can.

It is important to note that the Church's care is not just for when death is very near. Of course this is a significant time for a priest to visit. But do remember that there are not many of us around nowadays. This is why it is good to notify the church when someone is sick or housebound, so that ongoing support can be provided.

WAY TO DONATE

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

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