



Marple Bridge

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



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SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

25TH 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 or MARPLE BRIDGE 07723 381589
between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**

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 and other services

Sat 19 September	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Maureen Matthews RIP
Sun 20 25 th Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 21 ST MATTHEW				
Tue 22				
Wed 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina				
Thu 24 Our Lady of Walsingham	1030	NM	Mass	Julie Rotheram
Fri 25				
Sat 26	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving 'St Joseph'
Sun 27 26 th Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR A)

First Reading
Palm Response
Second Reading
Gospel

Isaiah 55: 6-9
The Lord is close to all who call him.
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20: 1-16

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VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE, WALSINGHAM, 27/9: 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/>

GETTING TO KNOW PARISHONERS: In the present circumstances it is an unusual time to have moved into a parish. Presumably under normal circumstances we would have had some sort of informal gathering (with buffet, of course!) I am conscious that although I have met many of you in my time 'covering' the churches, it is not the same as being 'parochial administrator'. If anybody would like a visit, or would like to visit here for a chat, (these things depending on whatever restrictions are in place), do give me a call. Similarly, if anybody would like a talk over the telephone, that would be fine, although please don't be offended if I have to defer it to another time! Also, **many thanks for various cards and notes of welcome received.**

CATECHISTS' ONLINE MEETING: This will take place across the diocese on Tuesday 13th October at 7.00pm on Zoom. Bishop Patrick and Joe Hopkins, the new director of formation, will both have some input, with a view to determining how the diocesan central team can support local initiatives. To register for this meeting, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catechist-network-diocese-of-nottingham-tickets-119228324127>

ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR GRIEF AND LOSS: This will take place on Tuesday 22nd September 7:30pm-9:30pm, run by Transforming Notts Together. The month of November is always the time in our liturgical year when we remember and pray for the faithful departed. This year death, grief and loss are at the forefront of many people's minds, particularly those who may have been unable to have the funeral of their loved one in Church. This time can be a moment of real encounter with the love and healing of Christ. For more information visit: <https://transformingnottstogether.org.uk/areas-ofwork/grief-bereavement-befriending>

LIVING LIKE THE SAINTS is another online course, looking at a different saint every two weeks. For more information and registration details, go to: www.christianheritagecentre.com/events or email direct to events@christianheritagecentre.com

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAPAL VISIT It's the 10th Anniversary of the State Visit of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to Great Britain. The CBCEW website will be dedicating itself to memories of that extraordinary visit in 2010 with footage, podcasts and pictures. All of this will be available from next week on the Bishops' Conference website and can be downloaded and used on diocesan websites as well. Please keep the Pope Emeritus in your prayers as we remember that special time in the life of our country.

A NOTE OF THANKS for all of the prayers and messages of support I have received since my husband Brian Hargreaves' death in August. It is very much appreciated. Kariss Hargreaves

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 be offered, subject to certain COVID considerations. Please speak to Fr Daniel if you would like to arrange this Sacrament.

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.

WAYS 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. If you are interested in setting up a standing order, contact Jim Howell on 07775602258 or email jim@bleakhouse.org.uk and he will be happy to supply this information.

EDUCATION NEWS: The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service would welcome applications from practising Catholics willing to serve the diocese as Foundation Directors on one of the boards of our four diocesan Catholic Multi Academy Trusts.

A passion for continuing to deliver the Bishop's vision for Catholic education and for making a difference is very important. This volunteer role would provide tremendous opportunities to work with fellow directors in leading a large organisation.

For an informal discussion with the Director of Education to find out more about what the role involves, or if you would like an information pack including details of how to apply, please contact Julie Sweeney (PA to the Director of Education) at julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk.

Let us pray for our schools: staff, pupils, their families, governors as they resume at this unusual time.