



Marple Bridge

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



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**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**26<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Please note it would be of assistance to the Sacristy if you can book in where possible, even when there is likely to be space. Many thanks.**

**Times of Holy Mass and other services**

Sat 26 September	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving 'St Joseph'
Sun 27 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 28				
Tue 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael				
Wed 30 St Jerome				
Thu 1 Oct St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	1030	NM	Mass	Betty Etchells
Fri 2 The Holy Guardian Angels				
Sat 3	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Catherine Cortvriend RIP
Sun 4 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR A)**

First Reading	Ezekiel 18: 25-28
<b>Psalm Response</b>	<b>Remember your mercy, Lord.</b>
Second Reading	Philippians 2: 1-11
Gospel	Matthew 21: 28-32

## **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](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 PARISHIONERS**

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 go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catechist-network-diocese-of-nottingham-tickets-119228324127>

**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](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/events) or email direct to [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com)

## **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 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.

## **RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL:**

please contact [news@stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk](mailto:news@stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk) and ask to be added to the list.

**A SECOND COLLECTION** for Peter's Pence will take place on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> October.

## **EDUCATION NEWS**

### **A NOTE FROM THE ACADEMY TRUST**

We are currently advertising for a Lead Lay Chaplain to serve our St Ralph Sherwin Multi Academy Trust schools and communities. The closing date is Monday, 12 October 2020 at 9.00am.

For more information and how to apply for the vacancy, please visit <https://www.srscmat.co.uk/lead-lay-chaplain-homeworking-or-at-our-trust-cent/>

**ST AMBROSE COLLEGE (Altrincham)** are advertising for an ASSISTANT CARETAKER. Contact 0161 980 2711 and ask for Kieren Done.

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

### **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](mailto:jim@bleakhouse.org.uk) and he will be happy to supply this information.