

# Marple Bridge

## The Catholic Community Newsletter for the parish of

and

St Mary Marple Bridge

## The Annunciation **New Mills**



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#### SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

First Reading Wisdom 6: 12-16 **Second Reading** 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Gospel Matthew 25: 1-13

#### IN CASE OF SERIOUS ILLNESS

If somebody is nearing the end of life and a priest is required, please request this in good time using the emergency number at the top of this newsletter.

WE PRAY FOR Betty Ledwich who has recently died. Let us pray also for her family and friends at this difficult time.

### New Mills will be open for private prayer

on Tuesday between 10.30 and 11.30am. Many thanks to those who have volunteered for this.

#### A message from Fr Daniel:

You have most likely heard the news about the second national lockdown, and may be wondering what it means for our parish. Looking at the Government guidance, places of worship will have to close for the duration of these measures (with limited exceptions). This is very sad for me and I'm sure for all of us. I am very proud of how this community has come together to provide fitting worship in these difficult times. In particular I thank our stewards, co-ordinators, readers, musicians, 'booking officers', florists and so forth. But we have to do what is right for the good of the wider community. Hopefully these new measures will be brief.

So public worship is cancelled until further notice. I will, of course, be able to visit parishioners if there is serious illness - please note that this does not have to be at the very end of life. The emergency system number can be found on the front of the newsletter. Individual prayer is possible and will take place at New Mills.

If people have requested Mass intentions for particular dates I will endeavour to say these around the time requested and will continue to publish the newsletter which will be distributed in the usual way via e-mail and on the website. Please do contact the presbytery by telephone if you require anything.

With best wishes to you and your families

Fr Daniel Palmer

**This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.** Let us pray for all those who have fallen, along with all those serving in our armed forces. Let us continue to pray for peace in our world.

<u>November</u> is the traditional month of prayer for the dead. There will be no 'November dead list' but feel free to request Masses for particular intentions. If anybody would like names added to the list, please pass these on to me by 16<sup>th</sup> November. I will then put the names together and place a copy in both New Mills and Marple Bridge for the remainder of the month.

<u>The Directors of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust</u> are seeking to appoint a new headteacher at Holy Cross Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester, (salary scale L15-21). For an application pack please call the Trust's HR department on 0116 296 8164 or email pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org. To arrange a school visit please contact Elizabeth Routledge (school office) on 0116 283 3135 or email eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk CLOSING DATE: Monday 23 November 2020

<u>CAFOD Christmas cards</u>. Though we are unable to hold Traidcraft sales in church at the moment, it is possible to order CAFOD Christmas cards via Pauline Howell. If you go to <u>www.traidcraftshop.co.uk</u> you wll find a range of Christmas cards available to order. To avoid paying postage, contact Pauline by email at pauline@bleakhouse.org.uk or by phone 0161 449 0667 to place an order. Payment and delivery can be arranged once the order has arrived.

**THE MAYOR of STOCKPORT'S ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST (on line)** THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020, 8.00am – 8.30am. Please find below a download link to a short promotional video for the forthcoming Stockport Mayoral Prayer Breakfast filmed by Ben Jeffrey and featuring Councillor Adrian Nottingham. https://www.dropbox.com/s/8ilz64s4240sxxq/Prayer%20Breakfast%20Promo.mp4?dl=0

<u>Missio Red Boxes</u> The appeal to red box holders at New Mills raised £750 from the return of the envelopes and has now been banked. I would like to thank anyone who has donated to Missio in any way for their generosity. Debbie

**Living Advent podcast:** This podcast series will explore how we live the virtues of Advent (Hope, Love, Joy & Peace) in our daily lives. Each week in Advent we will discuss one of the virtues with people from all across the diocese who are trying to live that virtue in today's secular society. We will speak to a police officer, a retired grandmother, and a musician. Search for 'Living Advent' on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcasts or visit the diocesan website. Available from the 1st Sunday in Advent.

### **DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE** Friday 18th December 6pm — YouTube & Zoom

Join Bishop Patrick, St Barnabas Cathedral Choir, and members of the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service, for a virtual carol service. The service will be a mix of traditional carols and hymns, readings from scripture, as well as modern carols and reflections bringing the diocese together to prepare our hearts and minds for the saviour's birth. After the carol service has ended join us on Zoom for a social time afterwards, with a quiz, small group discussion and a final prayer. Who is it for: Everyone! Also a great introductory event to invite friends and family to join who may not be Catholic or non-practising Catholics.

How to find it: For the Carol Service, visit Bishop Patrick's YouTube page:http://youtube.com/BishopPatrickMcKinney To learn how to download and use zoom visit the Adult formation section of the Diocesan Website: https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01\_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom

**BEING A DISCIPLE** Every Thursday in January — 7pm — Zoom What is it: A joint project between the Diocesan commission of Adult Formation for Mission and Catholic Voices; exploring what does it mean to be disciple of Christ in the Church and how your parish can be a disciple making parish. Each week we will look at one of four principles of being a disciple (Study of the Word, Fellowship, Prayer, Sacramental Life), how they can be developed in our life and how a parish/chaplaincy can support these areas too. Who is it for: Clergy and Lay people who want to grow in holiness and in their friendship with Christ; and for those who want to explore how their parish/ chaplaincy can be a community that continually grows disciples.

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