



Marple Bridge
(Hollins Lane)

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



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SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR A)

First Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Second Reading 1 Corinth. 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46

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.

New Mills will be open for private prayer on Tuesday between 10.30 and 11.30am.

CAFOD Christmas cards Although 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 www.traidcraftshop.co.uk you will find a range of Christmas cards available to order. To avoid paying postage, please contact Pauline either 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. Thank you!

THE MAYOR of STOCKPORT, Cllr DEAN FITZPATRICK invites you and friends to the ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST (on line) THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 8.00am – 8.30am

Programme for the Breakfast: -

- Town Centre physical regeneration - Caroline Simpson – Corporate Director for Place Stockport Borough Council
- Town Centre Spiritual regeneration - Rev Pete Horlock, serving the Manchester City Centre business Community.
- Courage and Faith in Politics - Jonathan Reynolds MP is Labour MP for Stalybridge & Hyde and Shadow Secretary for Work & Pensions.

To access: Soul City Church <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyp7u2aeybLqkUTEHrpEOog>
Soul City Church Facebook www.facebook.com/soulcityhome

This online event is free to attend, and numbers are unlimited. Please do spread the word and invite others! You will be given an opportunity to donate towards the Mayor's Charity, which this year is Beacon Counselling, at a later date.

NRC DT (Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust)
Registered Charity Company No: 7151646 Charity No: 1134449
Registered Office:
Willson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW

Safeguarding Representative:
Mrs Jo Barber (NM)
Kate Hunt (Contact on 07790 102011 or via the Presbytery)

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

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.

Vocations Café

The Diocesan Vocations Team are holding a Zoom Café for men and women on Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane at: vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!!!



SECRET SANTA

- Day one - Breakfast e.g. Cereal & UHT fruit juice
- Day two – Main course meat/veggie/pie
- Day three – Tinned Vegetables
- Day four - Pudding e.g. sponge & custard or tinned fruit
- Day five - Christmas cake (we need cakes which work for solo households not just family)
- Day six - Xmas stocking filler treats
- Day seven – Toiletries e.g. shampoo, soap, Deodorants

The seven items of the #secretsantaseven will be manageable enough to be placed in one of our normal donation bins.

New Mills: Sainsbury's, Co-op, Shaws Bakers, Potts Bakers & Bele Brownies
Hayfield: The Village Store & Post office
Whaley Bridge: Tesco, (Behind Customer services)
Chinley: The Chippy of Chinley until end Nov

All donations that come in after 11th December will be put into the general stock for Foodbank parcels as usual. Unfortunately we won't be able to accept donations of Christmas products after the 11th December

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New Mills Foodbank (Helping Hands) is offering a similar service to the Reverse Advent scheme running in Stockport. Over 7 days (28th November – 4th December) people will be asked to donate a different item each day which will develop into Christmas hampers for those in need.

You don't have to strictly follow this schedule – any long-life donations are welcome, although baked beans, pasta and pasta sauce are over-supplied at the moment!
Many thanks!

Medaille Safe House for Trafficked Victims Each year at Christmas parishioners generously support the residents of the Medaille House with small gifts and with donations towards the cost of their Christmas meal. This year we would like to continue the tradition and would welcome men's hats, gloves, scarves and small chocolate treats (eg Chocolate Orange) that we can wrap as Christmas presents. If you would like to contribute please leave items at the back of Church (New Mills) or the Presbytery (Marple Bridge) or contact Catherine Butler 07704323438 / Maureen Bell 07791 619201 who will either happily receive or collect any items.
Thank you.

A NOTE FROM FR MICHAEL EASTWOOD: To the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Marple Bridge – Thank you very much for your kind remembrance of my Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. I do appreciate it.

ENVELOPES We still have giving envelopes from earlier this year for collection. Please bear this in mind for when we are able to distribute these again.

ADVENT AND BEYOND:

As we begin a New Year of church life, we are thinking about what that might mean for our Church community in New Mills and Marple Bridge.

Father Daniel now has access to Microsoft Teams and we're considering recreating some spiritual events online, certainly for the foreseeable future.

This will require people's inspirations, ideas and of course your participation.

Father Daniel is happy to host a meeting on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm, to explore some possibilities.

If you wish to attend this meeting, you will need to email Father Daniel so he can send you a link to join the meeting; everyone is welcome to attend.

Advent will soon be upon us:

a season of preparation for the coming of the Lord both at Christmas and at the end of time.

Alas, we will not be open for the First Sunday of Advent, but hopefully will be for the Second Sunday, depending on restrictions.

We have a lot of 'Walk with Me' booklets for Advent, free of charge. If you would like one of these sent out, please contact the presbytery. I will make some available at New Mills during the private prayer sessions.

We also have our stock of parish diaries. We'll wait to see what happens with restrictions, but we'll consider having these distributed nearer the end of the year.

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.