



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

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



New Mills  
(St Mary's Road)

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SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Guidance for attending Mass:** Because of limited capacity, anyone wishing to attend Mass on weekends and holy days will have to pre-book their place. If people arrive without having pre-booked and the church is, or likely to be, at capacity they will not be allowed in. **To book please telephone between 9am - 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. **QR Codes for the NHS tracing App are available in both churches.**

**Times of Holy Mass and other services**

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> November				
Sun 29 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent				
Mon 30 ST ANDREW				
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> December				<b>NO PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH</b>
Wed 2				
Thu 3 St Francis Xavier	1030	NM	Mass	Michael Goodwin RIP
Fri 4				
Sat 5	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Dec. Mem. Healy & O'Connor families
Sun 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)**

First Reading      Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8  
Second Reading    1 Corinth. 1: 3-9  
Gospel                Mark 13: 33-37

**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)

**Your prayers are asked** for Mrs Joan Kerrigan who is unwell. And also for Patrick Maguire who has recently died. Let us pray for his family and friends at this difficult time.

**You may notice** some changes to the conclusion of prayers in the Mass. This is in response to a recent directive to improve theological accuracy. If you would like more information, please ask Fr Daniel.

**As we now resume public worship**, we have altered the 'booking system' slightly. To make it easier for everyone, booking for Sunday/Holy Day services is still required. However, for 'normal' weekday services no booking is required, but the stewards will still need attendance details from everyone attending.

**Advent is upon us:** We have a lot of 'Walk with Me' booklets for Advent, free of charge, along with parish diaries. If you would like these sent out, please contact the presbytery. I will make some available at our churches.

**Stockport Fairtrade Fair.** Unfortunately, Stockport Fair Trade Group is unable to hold their annual fair this year due to Coronavirus. However the group has compiled a list of traders who regularly attend the fair and sell online or by mail order. Go to [www.stockport-fairtrade.org.uk/links](http://www.stockport-fairtrade.org.uk/links) for a full list. There are lots of beautiful gifts, food and Christmas decorations for sale. Make it a Fairtrade Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES.** Below is the provisional schedule for Christmas services. I would encourage you to book in as soon as possible. Christmas is celebrated over the whole Octave, i.e. the 25<sup>th</sup> and subsequent seven days. As the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is currently suspended, perhaps you can initially book in for one service during this time, and then nearer the time enquire about further availability. Please note that this is a suggestion rather than a rule: all our services are on a first-come, first-served basis.

<b>These services depend on there being sufficient stewards. In the event we have to cancel, you will be contacted.</b>			
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Wednesday 23rd	New Mills	10.30am
	Thursday 24th	Marple Bridge	6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
	Friday 25th	New Mills	9.30am Christmas Day Mass
	Saturday 26th	Marple Bridge	6.30pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 27th	New Mills	9.30am Holy Family
	Tuesday 29th	New Mills	10.30am St Thomas Becket
	Thursday 31st	New Mills	7pm Vigil of Mary, Mother of God
<b>JANUARY</b>	Friday 1st	Marple Bridge	12noon Mary, Mother of God

**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.

**Finance Committee** We are required to have a functioning Finance Committee in the parish. In these unusual times, we are having, for the time being, a small virtual committee to meet the requirements, consisting of Fr Daniel, Pat Atkinson and Jim Howell. Many thanks to Jim and Pat for their assistance. If any previous members would like to join this virtual committee you would be welcome to do so - please speak to Fr Daniel. As things return to normality we would like to expand this committee to make it a good representation of our communities. So have a think if this is something you would be interested in!

**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.

**The Diocese of Nottingham are inviting you to join others from across the diocese in preparing for and celebrating Christmas.**

**Praying with Our Lady through Advent** – We invite you to pray one extra Hail Mary each day in Advent, asking for Our Lady's prayers to help all of us as a diocese, open our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus afresh this Christmas. She was the first person to welcome Him into her life and her intercession can help us to draw closer to Him and feel His presence with us anew this Christmas. Every other day you will be able to watch people from our diocese pray the Hail Mary in different languages on the diocesan social media sites, search for Diocese of Nottingham or Bishop Patrick McKinney on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

**Living Advent Podcast** – Living Advent is a weekly podcast series throughout Advent exploring the virtues of Hope, Love, Joy & Peace with people from across the diocese and how we can live them out. We speak to a young husband and father, a musician, a retired social worker and a police officer. You can find it on your usual podcast service by searching 'Living Advent Podcast' or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts) for links on how to stream or download it.

**Diocesan Carol Service** – Carol services are a wonderful family tradition of our Advent and Christmas celebrations, and often are a great opportunity to invite those who are not regular Churchgoers to connect with our parish or chaplaincy community. This can be quite challenging to do this year so we are offering a virtual diocesan carol service. We will celebrate a short online carol service on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** on Bishop Patrick's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMckinney>) with readings, music, prayers and reflections. Please join us as a family and invite others to join us too. After the service grab a mince pie, something warm to drink and join us on zoom for our family Christmas Quiz (6:45pm-7:15pm). The link and access code will be given out during the service.

**'Being a disciple web series'** – January is a time when we try and work at being a better person, why not explore how we can be a grow as a disciple of Jesus? On the 4 Thursdays of January we will explore a different aspect of what it means to be a Catholic disciple with Brendan Thompson the CEO of Catholic Voices in a web series on Zoom. Catholic Voices are an international organisation that shares the Good News in the global media. This will be a great foundation for parishes, chaplaincies and individuals to explore how we can support each other in growing as Catholic disciples. Register for the series here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrcuygqjwpGdNBRC5NIQ46Eu1bleEg246A>

For information on how to access things on zoom visit: [https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01\\_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom](https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/information/diocesan-commissions/01_commission-adult-formation/using-zoom)