



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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(St Mary's Road)

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SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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, 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.

**QR Codes for the NHS tracing App are available in both churches.**

**Times of Holy Mass and other services**

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> December	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Mem. Healy & O'Connor families
Sun 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 7 St Ambrose				
Tue 8 IMMAC. CONCEPTION		NM	Funeral	Funeral service for Patrick Maguire (invitation only)
Wed 9				
Thu 10	1030	NM	Mass	November Memorial List
Fri 11				
Sat 12	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Poor and Needy Parishes</b>
Sun 13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	Jimmy Whelan RIP & Bill Mitchell RIP: <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Poor and Needy Parishes</b>

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

First Reading      Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11  
**Response**      **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**  
Second Reading      2 Peter 3: 8-14  
Gospel      Mark 1: 1-8

**NRCDT** (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 Kate Beighton, formerly of the Marple Bridge community, who has recently died, and Patrick Maguire whose funeral takes place this week. May they rest in peace, and their families and friends be comforted.

**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.

**CONSULTATION** Colin Bloom has been [appointed as the Faith Engagement Adviser](#) at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to lead a review into how best the government should engage with faith groups in England. This call for evidence will pose a series of questions around how those of all faiths, or none, perceive the government’s engagement with faith organisations. Because the review is specifically about faith and religion, priority will be given to responses that fit within those parameters. However, space is given for respondents to share their views in a way that they feel is appropriate. Colin Bloom will make recommendations to the Communities Secretary as part of his review. The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

**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. **These services depend on there being sufficient stewards. In the event we have to cancel, you will be contacted.**

<b>DEC</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>JAN</b>	Friday 1st	Marple Bridge	12noon	Mary, Mother of God

**Staying Connected** Would you, or someone you know like help to use digital technology to stay connected? Learn how to make a smartphone, tablet or computer work better for you? Become confident to join in, with social media, Zoom meetings and online social groups. Or learn how to safely pay bills and shop online or how to have an online doctor’s or healthcare appointment? Age UK Derby and Derbyshire are running a short project in the High Peak to evaluate how best to help older people (over the age of 50) to connect digitally. We are looking for both people who need support and patient, technology savvy volunteers to help them. The project will of course be run in a Covid-19 safe way, in line with current Government guidance and contact can be via phone, email, through a window or one to one (with the correct personal equipment of course). If you’d like more information contact Jane Butler (Usual office days Monday and Tuesday Phone 07419 316 050)

**A Catholic Family of 8 from Our Lady of Lincoln Parish, Lincoln, have written, performed and professionally recorded a song** which will be available on iTunes and Amazon (£0.99) in time for Advent. Christmas is Coming (Our Saviour is Born), is a song which promises to uplift people and bring hope in these strange times and despite the talk of Christmas being cancelled due to covid, Christmas IS Coming! “We want the song to remind people of the real reason for the season: Jesus is our Saviour.” As well as spreading some good cheer, with every download The Braddish family will be raising money for **March for Life**. You can follow them on Twitter & Facebook for up to date information and photos @BraddishFamily

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

**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)

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