



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 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

THIRD 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 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	Jimmy Whelan RIP & Bill Mitchell RIP
Mon 14 St John of the Cross				
Tue 15				
Wed 16				
Thu 17	1030	NM	Mass	Paul Bell RIP
Fri 18				
Sat 19	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Dec. mem. Roach and Hunt families
Sun 20 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY PARISHES THIS WEEKEND.

**RECENT MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED PRIVATELY:** ABIGAIL & PATRICK HEALY RIP; SEAN O'CONNOR RIP, BETTY LEDWICH RIP

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

First Reading      Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11  
Response            **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
Second Reading    1 Thess. 5: 16-24  
Gospel                John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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

**Safeguarding Representative:**

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

**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.**

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
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Marple Bridge	12noon	Mary, Mother of God

**MARRIAGE CARE:** Our marriage preparation and support service enable couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on catholic teaching and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other. Our latest resource, Preparing Together Anywhere, is facilitated by two trained volunteers via webcam. Groups of up to 7 engaged couples attend three 90-minute sessions over a period of 3 weeks, with additional resources to enable couples to reflect more deeply in between sessions on the commitment being entered into. Wedding plans may be on hold for some time, but couples need not put their preparation for marriage on hold. Through our relationship counselling service (now available via webcam), we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we know that increases in family stress and impending threat of relationship breakdown will plunge many more into financial difficulties. We are unique in asking couples who come to us for counselling only to pay what they can afford, reflecting our commitment to support those most in need. Please encourage couples to connect with us today at: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

**The Diocese of Nottingham invites you to join others from 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 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 is 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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