



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 24TH JANUARY 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

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 full 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 in 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 23	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Margaret Helliwell
Sun 24 3 rd Sunday in O.T.	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 25 Conversion of St Paul		NM		Funeral for Mark Whelan (invitation only)
Thu 28 St Thomas Aquinas	1030	NM	Mass	Alex Morgan RIP
Sat 30	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	David Douglass RIP
Sun 31 4 th Sunday in O.T.	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)

First Reading Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Psalm Response: **Lord, make me know your ways.**
Second Reading 1 Corinth. 7: 29-31
Gospel Mark 1: 14-20

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mark Whelan and Jani Abbs-Brown. Let us pray for their families and friends at this sad time.

Please note that **confessions** are available on request in our churches and I am available to visit in case of **serious illness**.
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who is? Please let Fr Daniel know. At the moment, it is of course difficult to organise any sessions, but this would help for planning purposes. Many thanks.
If you know of anybody who would like the bulletin posted to them, please inform the parish office.

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)

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

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.

St Francis' Catholic Voluntary Academy, Melton Mowbray (part of the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust) has a vacancy for a **part time non-teaching Deputy Headteacher**. Please visit www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/ for further information. Closing date: **12 February 2021**

***Being allowed to go to Holy Mass doesn't mean we have to.** Anybody who feels anxious about taking part in Holy Mass should be reassured that we don't have to take part. Our bishops have suspended the Mass Obligation, so nobody is obliged to attend, and the bishops hope that people who are at special risk, especially people subject to shielding, will choose to stay at home. You are not being disloyal, you are not a bad Catholic, if you decide that instead of going to Holy Mass you will stay at home because, acting on your own judgement, you decide that's how you are going to protect your health, protect the health of others, and safeguard the NHS.*

LENT COURSE 2021. For a number of years during Lent we have run a weekly activity where we meet to pray together, explore our faith and have some social contact. In the circumstances this year we are going to try to provide something by making use of modern technology. We are very sorry that this year internet access will be needed to join the course but that is unavoidable.

We will use a course produced by the Sycamore team for all who wish to renew their faith in the Season of Lent. Sycamore began at Newman House University Chaplaincy run by Westminster diocese and is now a resource used all round the world. The focus of these sessions is on knowing God and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ and on our response to this offer of salvation in faith, freedom and love.

The course is run by watching a short film, reading some scripture and then having some discussions and prayers. The discussions would be held using Microsoft Teams, which is rather like Zoom, and we will invite participants by sending them an email. The email includes a link allowing you to download Teams if you do not already have it.

Traditionally we have run Lent courses on Tuesday evenings beginning at seven and lasting an hour. We therefore offer this a suggested time but would ask interested people let us know their own best time if Tuesday is not good for them.

You do not have to attend all the sessions and the link to the video will be separate from that to the meeting so you can watch the video and do the readings even if you can't make the meeting.

This notice will also be sent out through Whatsapp and email. We would be grateful if you could get back to us by email or Whatsapp before the end of January with the following information:

1. I / we are interested in joining the Lent course.
2. We will be able to join the meetings using Microsoft Teams
3. We are free on some or all Tuesday evenings between 17th February and 30th March 2021
4. We would like to attend the course but are not free on Tuesday evenings and would prefer another time. Please indicate your best time.
5. We cannot attend the discussions but would like to watch the films.

Wishing you a very holy and peaceful Lent.

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