



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 31ST JANUARY 2021 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY)

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 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 30	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	David Douglass RIP
Sun 31 4 th Sunday in O.T.	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Thu 4 th Feb St Gilbert of Sempringham	1030	NM	Mass	Allen Family
Sat 6	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	John & Betty Reynolds: In thanksgiving - Golden Wedding ann.
Sun 7 5 th Sunday in O.T.	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**
Second Reading 1 Corinth. 7: 32-35
Gospel Mark 1: 21-28

Please note that **confessions** are available on request in our churches and I am available to visit in case of **serious illness**.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Duffy.

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.

NRCDDT (Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust)
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Helen Whelan thanks everyone who has sent cards and all those who have helped to say farewell to Mark. Many thanks for the thoughts and prayers for Mark and the family.

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.

You are called! Are you listening? Are you looking for a challenge? Are you searching for God? Why not join the Vocations Team at their Zoom Café on Monday 1st March, 7.30 – 9 pm, where you will have an opportunity to ask questions and chat with Religious Sisters and Priests about vocation. A warm welcome awaits you. Please email Diane at vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk to register your place or for any further information. They look forward to seeing you (for 18 and over).

Lent prayer booklets. I have received, from the Diocese, 150 excellent Lenten prayer booklets. The Bishop is keen that as many people receive these in the parish as possible. Please let me know if you would like one of these posted or if you know anybody who would. Booklets will be available at Mass free of charge and all must go!

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link: www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

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 so we 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 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.

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