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(Hollins Lane)

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



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SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

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**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.**

Please note that **confessions** are available on request in our churches.

**Times of Holy Mass and Other Services**

Sat 27	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Fr. John's Ints.
Sun 28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Thu 4 March Lenten Feria	1030	NM	Mass	Myra (Mary Jane) Scully RIP
Sat 6	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	In thanksgiving (Delaney)
Sun 7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

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

First Reading Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Psalm Response **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Second Reading Romans 8: 31-34

Gospel Mark 9: 2-10

**A note from Fr Daniel**

I would like once again to thank all those who are helping to keep our churches open in these circumstances. As the days grow longer and spring arrives, it seems a reflection of the increasing hope we have of returning to a more normal way of life. We hope to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in some form, depending on the guidance that no doubt will arrive. When the details are finalised I'll let you know.

**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)

**Fairtrade Fortnight 22 February - 7 March** Although it is not possible to have any live events this year, the Fairtrade Foundation has organised an online festival with lots of free events with topics such as a quiz night, climate change, cooking, gardening and a virtual wine tasting. Go to <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/> to register.

**VARIOUS EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY FOR JOINING DETAILS WHERE RELEVANT.**

- **Daily Podcast — The Bible in a Year.** Fr Mike Shchmitz leads you through the Bible in one year with daily Podcasts of 20-25mins with a reflection. Find on your podcast service or visit: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>
- **Seven Week Bible study series** — the aim of this series is to provide a sense of Scripture as a whole
- **Weekly Scripture Webinar** — The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph lead a weekly webinar on Wednesdays at 7pm looking at the coming Sunday's Gospel.
- **Monthly Talks** — The Diocese of Menevia has organised monthly talks on scripture on YouTube
- **Bible Timeline Course** — a free national course live streamed looking at the timeline of the Bible, starting 7th April.
- **Lenten Retreat on Hope** — The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph will lead a weekly 45min talk on how we can find hope by looking at a different biblical character every week in Lent.
- **Being Evangelising Catechists** — On February 11th at 7pm Dr James Puley, with the Archdiocese of Southwark, will lead a masterclass on making our catechesis a moment of evangelisation based on his latest book: Masterclass
- **Knowing Jesus Online Retreat** — Daily Prayer and reflection led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, option for group discussion.
- **Christian Heritage Centre** — The Christian Heritage Centre, based in Stonyhurst, have a range of courses, talks and conferences aimed at: young adults, healthcare professionals, parishioners and more

(The Year of the Word continues... Due to the pandemic the Bishops of England and Wales decided to extend the 'God who Speaks' initiative throughout 2021. Regular resources are uploaded to [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk))

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**A note from the Medaille Trust** has been received, thanking Maureen and the parish for all their support.

**The CAFOD Lent Fast Day** took place recently. Because of the small numbers in our churches at the moment, I suggest any donations be made to CAFOD directly. Please ask if there are any queries.

**Churches Together Marple Area Lent Service** This will be held by Zoom on Sunday 7th March at 4pm. To access the link, please email [marian37et@gmail.com](mailto:marian37et@gmail.com) and she will send details of how to join. All welcome.

**PARISH LENT COURSE:** Many thanks to those who attended session one of our Lenten course last week. The meeting was interesting and insightful and, as always, we were blessed with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The sessions are not mutually exclusive and if anyone else would like to join us on Tuesdays 7-8pm, just email Fr Daniel in the Parish office and he will send you a link to the meetings; all are welcome.

**MASS LEAFLETS** We cannot put out Mass leaflets owing to the virus. If anybody would like a copy of the responses, please let Fr Daniel know.

**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.

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