



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 7TH MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Guidance for attending Mass:

Because of limited capacity, anyone wishing to attend Mass **on any occasion** will have to pre-book their place. If people arrive without having pre-booked and the church is, or likely to be, at capacity, 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

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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 6	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	In thanksgiving (Delaney)
Sun 7 3 rd Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Thu 11 Lenten Feria	1030	NM	Mass	Seamus McMahon RIP
Sat 13	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Dorothy Faulkner RIP , Bill and Bridie Mount RIP
Sun 14 4 th Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)

First Reading from Exodus 20
 Psalm Response **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
 Gospel John 2: 13-25

ADVANCE WARNING: Mass on Thursday 18th March will be moved to the 19th, the Feast of St Joseph. I thought it important to honour this great saint in this year of St Joseph.

Please note that **confessions** are available on request in our churches. Generally, these are heard after Mass, but other times are available. Please call the Presbytery in case of any questions. Don't feel that you are bothering the priest – that's what we're here for! If you will be at Mass, please notify the stewards upon arrival and they can then notify the priest.

CHANGE to bookings for services. Owing to increased attendances, we are now recommending booking in for all services in both churches, to avoid disappointment. Many thanks to Pauline and Joe for handling the bookings. The idea of stopping people coming into Church is so alien to all we hold dear, but alas, the COVID-secure capacity is the COVID-secure capacity. Let's continue to pray that these regulations can be lifted.

NRC DT (Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust)
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Registered Office:
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Safeguarding Representative:
Mrs Jo Barber (NM)
Kate Hunt (Contact on 07790 102011 or via the Presbytery)

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, starts 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.
- **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

Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director of Education to provide a strategic lead in the areas of Catholic Life, Formation, Inspection, Religious Education & Collective Worship. For further information / application pack or if you wish to arrange an informal conversation with the Director of Education, please contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk **Closing date 30 March 2021**

Bishop Patrick's Lenten Talks (see image below) - You are invited to join Bishop Patrick and people from across the diocese this Lent in reflecting on our relationship with God. To be a disciple of Jesus means to know and love him, but to also know we are known and loved by him too. Bishop Patrick will give two talks on Zoom exploring God's Love for us and how we can respond to it.

Each talk will include input from Bishop Patrick, a time for questions and answers, and small group discussion. You can register for one or both talks on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk



LENTEN TALKS WITH BISHOP PATRICK



Bishop Patrick will lead two talks on Zoom this Lent:

Knowing the heart of God
(clearing false images of God we may carry around with us)
Thursday 11 March, 7pm.

Knowing the love of God
(understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters)
Thursday 25 March, 7pm.

Register here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk