



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 14TH MARCH 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(LAETARE SUNDAY)

Guidance for attending Mass:

Because of limited capacity, anyone wishing to attend Mass (**apart from ordinary weekday Mass at New Mills**) 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 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
FRI 19 (note day change) ST JOSEPH	1030	NM	Mass	Private Int. (MB)
Sat 20	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Colin Goodier RIP
Sun 21 5 th Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS (YEAR B)

First Reading 2 Chron. 36: 14-16, 19-23

Psalm Response **O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel John 3: 14-21

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.

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.

Safeguarding Representatives:

Jo Barber (NM)

Kate Hunt (Contact on 07790 102011 or via the Presbytery)

ST JOSEPH: On the 8th December 2020, Pope Francis announced that there would be a Year of St Joseph from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. This was to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church. To join in these celebrations the Diocese has produced a Novena to St Joseph leading to his feast day 19th March. The Novena takes as its focus the different groups or causes that claim St Joseph as their Patron Saint, as well as the themes of Pope Francis' letter launching the year. The Novena can be downloaded as a whole booklet from the diocesan website or you can email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk with 'St Joseph Novena' in the subject line to receive daily emails with the prayers for that day between 10th - 18th March.

Walking with Christ on the Way of the Cross, in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic – Online Resource for Lent 2021. The Stations of the Cross begins and ends in the beautiful Pugin Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral of St. Barnabas. As we journey together with Christ on the road towards Calvary, so we meditate and pray at different Stations along the way, where we hear short meditations and reflections from a number of students, filmed by them from wherever they are based during this time of the Pandemic. <https://youtu.be/dQ09wqJcxX0>

PROVISIONAL DATES and TIMES for EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will all be at New Mills, on account of the greater capacity there. This means that there will be no Marple Bridge Mass on the Saturday, but this will instead be on Easter Sunday.

Please note that, as always, these depend on having the required stewards available. You will need to book in for all these services. **Please book in for *either* Marple Bridge Easter Sunday *or* Easter Monday, to give more people the chance to get to an Easter Mass. If you would like to attend both, perhaps call back a few days before to see whether there is space.**

Thu 1 April	NM	19:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 2 April	NM	15:00	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 3 April	NM	20:30	Easter Vigil
Sun 4 April	NM	09:30	Easter Sunday Mass
	MB	12 noon	Easter Sunday Mass
Mon 5 April	MB	12 noon	Mass in the Octave of Easter

Dear parishioners

Many of you have contacted the parish about the financial situation during this difficult time to find out how you could continue to help financially. This concern has been very moving and much appreciated. May I say that although the pandemic has impacted us in a financial way as well as in many other ways we are coping and will continue to manage so please do not feel bad in any way if you have not been able to keep up your normal level of support. This is fully understandable.

As you know the first lockdown happened in late March 2020 which was the very week when we would normally have been reporting to you about the results of collections and Gift Aid for the year to March 2020. We would also normally be requesting information about changes of address and tax status and finding out if anyone new wanted to gift aid their contribution to church funds.

We were not able to do any of this of course and nor could the envelopes be properly distributed. This is not a problem for a single year but we do need to decide what to do for the financial year beginning on April 11th and for which the new envelopes have now arrived. Jim Howell, our gift aid coordinator will be contacting you to review things like address and tax status and to learn if you can continue to Gift Aid your contribution. He will also be able to provide information to those who may want to consider giving by electronic means rather than in cash. We have all noticed the dramatic reduction in the use of cash this year and expect this to continue.

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