



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 28TH MARCH 2021

PALM SUNDAY

[TWO-WEEK NEWSLETTER INCORPORATING EASTER 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.

Confessions are available on request in our churches.

Times of Holy Mass and Other Services

Sat 27		1830	MB	Mass	Kevin Gover RIP
Sun 28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Thu 1 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	1900	NM	Mass	Deacon Peter Brogan RIP
Fri 2	Good Friday Day of Fasting and Abstinence	1500	NM	Serv.	
Sat 3	The Easter Vigil	2030	NM	Mass	Debbie Carrol RIP
Sun 4	Easter Sunday	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
		1200	MB	Mass	Julie Barrow
Mon 5	<i>in Easter Octave</i>	1200	MB	Mass	Julie Barrow RIP
Wed 7	<i>in Easter Octave</i>	1200	MB	Mass	Harriet Taylor RIP
Thu 8	<i>in Easter Octave</i>	1030	NM	Mass	Harry Duffy RIP
Sat 10		1830	MB	Mass	Douglas Helliwell
Sun 11	2 nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish

Please take careful note of the times and locations above. As always, these depend on having the required stewards available. You will need to book in for all these services. **Please book in for Marple Bridge Easter Sunday or the subsequent Monday or Wednesday, to give more people the chance to get to an Easter Mass. If you would like to attend more than one, perhaps call back a few days before to see whether there is space.** All other services are first-come, first-served, and all are of course open to the whole parish.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS REGARDING COVID PRECAUTIONS

Even though things are going in the right direction in our country, we must still follow all regulations in our church property. In particular, we should avoid congregating around the door of the Church, and in the porches of our churches. We operate a two-metre social distancing policy. All instructions from our voluntary stewards should be followed, which are there for our protection.

Safeguarding Representatives:

I'm not aware of any major problems, but we must always guard against complacency. As the roadmap develops, there may be further instructions from the Diocese and these will be implemented as we go along. It's worth remembering that we are only able to open because our policies and procedures have been approved by the Diocese. Therefore, to remain open, this paperwork must be adhered to. If you have any queries, please ask, but do be assured that the Church's procedures will have been carefully thought out.

Please note that the Easter collection is paid into parish funds. (The same goes for any Mass intentions, donations for funerals etc.)

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.

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill in the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.** *If you do not have online access, the questions can be submitted by post. In this case, please ask for the questions.*

The post of full time Roman Catholic Chaplain (priest, deacon, religious or lay person) for HMP Stocken is now being advertised. Please ask the Presbytery for the link.

We now have the Eastertide prayer booklets, which have come from the Diocese. These are free of charge. If you would like one posted out (also free of charge), please contact the Presbytery.

The Holy Tabernacle at New Mills would benefit from having a cloth cover. Is anybody able to make such an item, or do you know anyone who is? Please contact the presbytery if so.

A very blessed Holy Week and Easter to you all.