



The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
**St Mary** and **The Annunciation**  
Marple Bridge New Mills  
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## SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Guidance for attending Mass:

Booking is required for all Masses at Marple Bridge, and all Masses (apart from ordinary weekday Masses) at New Mills. 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 8	1830	MB	Mass	Mary Morgan RIP
Sun 9 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
Thu 13 ASCENSION	1030	NM	Mass	Joan Kerrigan
	1900	MB	Mass	People of the Parish
Sat 15	1830	MB	Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 16 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	0930	NM	Mass	Special Int. (T+E) [2 <sup>nd</sup> Colln.: Catholic Communications Network]
Confessions are available on request in our churches.				
We hope to resume Baptisms soon: contact the Presbytery if this is of interest.				

### Important note:

You will see in the table above the **Masses for the Ascension of the Lord**. In addition, there will be another Sunday Mass at Marple Bridge at 12 noon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the great day of Pentecost. We hope to make this a regular fixture from then on. (It is at 12 noon is to give me plenty of time between Masses. As Mass takes typically thirty minutes at the moment, the finish time should not be too dissimilar from when it was at 11.15.)

As always, if there are insufficient stewards, we will have to cancel the Mass and those booked in will be notified.

Many thanks to our new stewards, as well as those who have been doing it for some time. There is no pressure to become a steward, but if you would feel comfortable doing it, please let me know. The more we have, the easier it will be for all, and the more 'redundancy' there will be in the system.

**Many congratulations to Fionuala Boucher**, Headteacher at St. Mary's Marple Bridge, who has been appointed as Deputy Director of the Diocesan Education Service. This gain for the Diocese is of course a loss to our school, which will now need to appoint someone. The advertisement can be found here:

<https://www.srscmat.co.uk/headteacher-st-marys-catholic-voluntary-academy-ma/>

Let us pray that a suitable candidate can be found to continue Fionuala's excellent work.

**Please remember in your prayers** those clergy who are ill or infirm, remembering particularly Frs. John and Kevin. Hail Mary... Our Father... Glory Be...

**The staff and pupils at St. Mary's New Mills** would like to offer you a book to enjoy and encourage a love of reading. The book is titled, 'Stories to make you smile' and it was published for World Book Night. We hope you enjoy them. All our love... St. Mary's.

**Christian Aid Week in Marple 10th-16th May 2021:** Unfortunately, for the second year running we are unable to organise a house to house collection in Marple and district. The annual collection usually raises around £9,000 from Marple residents and is used to fund different projects. This year's focus is on providing a reliable source of water which will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms, due to climate change. For more information and stories see <https://www.churchestogethermarplearea.org.uk/christian-aid-group/>

Marple Christian Aid group is trying something different this year and has set up an on - line 'e-envelope' instead of house to house collections. You can follow this link to donate:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/churches-together-marple-area> or if you do not have an internet connection you can send a cheque by post to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL. Please indicate that it is a donation on behalf of Marple Christian Aid Group ref. no. OR197774.

There will also be some envelopes at the back of church in Marple Bridge which you can use for your donation. Please return to the Presbytery marked for the attention of Pauline Howell.

**Christian Aid Plant Sale Saturday 15th May:** There will be a plant sale in the back garden at Jubilee Methodist Church, Cote Green Lane, Marple Bridge from 10am-12 noon on Saturday 15th May to raise funds for Christian Aid. Free entry.

**Thy Kingdom Come** – is a global prayer wave between the feasts of Ascension (13<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May). It is a time when Christians around the world are invited to pray for more people to know Jesus and answer the call to be his disciple. There are a collection of Catholic resources you can use on your own or with others in this time including: morning and evening prayer, praying with Our Lady resources, live streamed night prayer, resources to pray for those you know who aren't followers of Christ, and more! Further information here: [www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-catholic-church). Resources for children and families here: [https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas)

**Being a Missionary Disciple Talks** – You are called to be a missionary disciple... but what does that mean? The first talk exploring being a missionary disciple is on Thursday 13th May at 7pm. 'The Ascension & the Great Commission' will be given by Canon Christopher Thomas (General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales). This talk will explore the importance of the Ascension and how we can live out Jesus' final instructions to us. The second talk 'Pentecost & Mission' will be given by Pippa Baker (A Catholic Missionary, Speaker & Musician) on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm. This talk will examine the significance of Pentecost for us and how the Holy Spirit equips us for mission in our everyday lives. To register visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk)