



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 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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 12	1830	MB	Mass	Cath Taylor
Sun 13 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
	12noon	MB	Mass	Fr James Earley RIP
Wed 16	Requiem			Barbara Dean RIP (by invitation only)
Thu 17	1030	NM	Mass	Fr Anthony Colebrook RIP
Sat 19	1830	MB	Mass	Peter Smith KSG
Sun 20 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time [2 <sup>nd</sup> Colln.: Day for Life]	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
	12noon	MB	Mass	Canon Owen O'Neill RIP
<b>Confessions:</b> generally available after Mass, upon request.				

**Let us pray for the repose of the souls of** Keith Mastin and Barbara Dean, who have recently died. We pray also for their families and friends at this sad time.

### **Coronavirus Update:**

I have already been to see several sick and housebound parishioners with Holy Communion, and I will be in contact with the others on the list before long. If you are housebound and would like Communion, please contact the Presbytery. Proper precautions will be taken for a COVID-secure visit. Confessions are also available in like manner.

### **Some musings on church music from Mr. John Reynolds, one of the organists at Marple Bridge.**

For many people, music is regarded as nothing other than entertainment. I believe it has more potential for church use. When we come to hear Mass, we are supposed to prepare ourselves before the priest enters and the formal part of Mass starts. Proper preparation – including a thorough examination of conscience – may not be easy. Music which helps us to relax may help. Music which lulls us into a false sense of insecurity may also be useful. Such music tends to be somewhat challenging. It is supposed to be functional, not pleasant.

After Mass starts we have readings, prayers and hymns sung by all present (*hopefully before long! Ed.*). Hymns help to reinforce our beliefs – it is difficult to sing the words of some hymns without asking ourselves whether or not we really believe what we are singing. There is a relevant modern buzz word - internalizing.

Music at the end of Mass should cheer us up, and inspire us to leave with renewed enthusiasm. We should really mean to put into practice what we have claimed to believe.