



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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Regular Confession times:**

New Mills – after Sunday Mass. Marple Bridge – Saturday 1800 to 1820. Please ask. Other times available by appointment.

**Please pray for** Adele McCluskey and Anthony Cortvriend who have recently died. We pray for their families and friends at this time.

**Congratulations** to all our First Communion children who recently received this Sacrament for the first time: Ione, James, Jack, Taylor, Amelia, Jakub, Darragh and Gabriela.

**Congratulations** also to Gabriela and Antoni whose baptisms took place recently.

**Please note the variations to the schedule:**

		Place		Intention
Sat 4	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	McEvoy & Clarke fams. RIP
Sun 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	0930	NM	Mass	Annie & Fred Coverley RIP
	12noon	MB	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 6				
Tue 7 St. Ambrose	<b>12noon</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>Req.Mass</b>	<b>Anthony Cortvriend RIP</b>
Wed 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	1000	MB	Mass	Fr John Cairns RIP
Thu 9	<b>1000</b>	NM	Mass	Joan Kerrigan RIP <b>(We welcome some children from our school)</b>
Fri 10	1000	MB	Mass	Fr Hugh Doherty RIP
Sat 11	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	David Hill RIP
Sun 12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent [2 <sup>nd</sup> Colln.: Poor and needy parishes]	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
	12noon	MB	Mass	Paul Carvill RIP

**A Note from Debbie:** Thanks to all who responded to the latest red box appeal. The boxes have now been counted and a total of £239.00 was raised. I would also like to thank all those who are donating directly to Missio via the website or standing order.

**The church cleaning rota** at New Mills is being reinstated. Anyone wishing to join the rota - old hands or new volunteers - please contact Jo Barber 01663 743283 and she will aim to get the new rota out before Christmas.

**Discover how Jesus is speaking to you in Scripture** – On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm Sr Hyacinthe, a Dominican Sister, catechist, tutor, writer and joy-filled follower of Jesus will lead a workshop on Zoom introducing the 4 senses of Scripture. These skills are great ways to help us see how we can use and understand scripture more in our own lives and in catechesis too. Register for the talk by visiting [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents)

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### **Sacramental Programme 2022 (First Confession and First Holy Communion):**

The sessions will begin on January 9<sup>th</sup> with a parents' meeting after 9.30 Mass at New Mills. This is for the parents of children at both New Mills and Marple Bridge. The application forms are available in both churches. Please bring the child's baptismal certificate to this meeting.

**We are hoping to have a thorough clean** of the Marple Bridge church at 10am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in preparation for Christmas. All welcome!

**Christmas Voices from the Holy Land** Friends of the Holy Land have produced this publication, 'Christmas Voices from the Holy Land', a collection of Christ-centred prayer resources for Advent and Christmas which speak powerfully to our journey through Advent to the Nativity of Jesus, and beyond.

The publication is available now from <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/advent-book-2021>

All funds raised from the sale of this book will be used in the charitable activities of Friends of the Holy Land, and so help those who have suffered in Gaza, the West Bank (including east Jerusalem), and the divided communities in Israel this Christmas.

### **Advance notice of Christmas Mass times in the parish:**

Fri 24th December:	New Mills	Vigil 6pm
	Marple Bridge	Vigil 8.30pm
Sat 25th December:	New Mills	9am
	Marple Bridge	10.45am
Sun 26th December:	New Mills	No evening Mass 9.30am
	Marple Bridge	12noon

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