



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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12TH DECEMBER 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Face coverings are once again compulsory in our churches under Government law.

Regular Confession times:

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

Please pray for Tom Delaney and Julia Steinegger who have recently died. We pray for their families and friends at this time.

Please note the variations to the schedule:

		Place		Intention
Sat 11	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	David Hill RIP
Sun 12 3 rd Sunday of Advent [2 nd Colln.: Poor and needy parishes]	0930 12noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	People of the Parish Paul Carvill RIP
Mon 13 St Lucy				
Tue 14 St John of the Cross	1030	NM	Mass	Fr John Cairns RIP
Wed 15	12noon	NM	Fun'l Serv.	Julia Steinegger RIP
Thu 16	1000	NM	Mass	Brown & McGrath family & friends Christmas and New Year Ints.
Fri 17	1000	MB	Req. Mass	Tom Delaney RIP
Sat 18	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Conor Hall RIP
Sun 19 4 th Sunday of Advent	0930 12noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	People of the Parish Deborah Whitehouse

Safeguarding Representatives:

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.

Sacramental Programme 2022 (First Confession and First Holy Communion): The sessions will begin on January 9th 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.

Volunteers at New Mills Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help out with differing roles at New Mills. We hope that as we move into the new year we will have a growing band of people helping on our new rotas. We need more people to help with Children's Liturgy, stewarding/welcoming, cleaning, reading, refreshments, grounds maintenance, and organising them all! None of the roles are difficult, or too time consuming. The more people involved the easier it becomes. If you haven't already offered, there is still time to help! Please speak to Joe Hennigan, or message him via the Parish Office.

The Wellspring Christmas Lunch appeal What a fabulous charity idea: £5 donation will provide a local homeless/vulnerable person with a Christmas dinner and gift. Parishioners have already contributed £290 at our Christmas lunch, and Sunday Mass. You can donate online via Just Giving or give cash at either Church.

Traidcraft Thank you to all who have supported Traidcraft this year through the catalogue and Christmas card sales last month. Pauline has been able to donate £100 on behalf of St. Mary's parish to the Traidcraft Exchange charity, which supports producers in the most disadvantaged communities. We have received a thank you: "That is a huge boost to the Hope in Dark Times appeal as Christmas approaches and so today we simply wanted to say thank you. Your support means so much to people like Sankar, from Bangladesh who are battling the huge economic effects of Covid-19 and climate change."

Medaille Trust, Victims of Trafficking Many of you over the years have generously supported the victims of trafficking who reside at the Medaille Trust's Manchester House. If you would like to give a donation this year towards their Christmas celebrations it would be very much appreciated and there is always an ongoing need for your suitcases surplus to requirements! Thank you. Maureen Bell 07791 619201/Catherine Butler 07704323438

Advance notice of Christmas Mass times in the parish:

Fri 24th December:	New Mills	Vigil 6pm Carols 5.30
	Marple Bridge	Vigil 8.30pm Carols 8.00
Sat 25th December:	New Mills	9am
	Marple Bridge	10.45am
		No evening Mass
Sun 26th December:	New Mills	9.30am
	Marple Bridge	12noon

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