



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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**16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**Lectionary: Year C (Sundays), Year 2 (Weekdays)**

**Face coverings** are once again compulsory in our churches under Government law, and also in the parish halls when not eating or drinking.

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

**During our second Synod meeting**, we discussed how we can move forward as a parish. Key to this is the establishment of some sort of **parish council/forum** to help take responsibility. There have been some people interested, but we need more. Ideally, we will meet in time to plan activities for Lent. Let us pray for the Lord's guidance in this work. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

		Place		Intention
Sat 15	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Captain Michael Furlong RIP
Sun 16 Second Sunday of the Year	0930 12noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Andrew Desmond McGrath 48 <sup>th</sup> b'day Ints. People of the Parish
Mon 17 St Anthony				
Tue 18	1030	NM	Mass	Private Int.
Wed 19	1000	MB	Mass	<b>With the school in church</b> Priest's Int.
Thu 20	1000	NM	Mass	<b>With the school in church</b> D&A Howard
Fri 21 St Agnes	1000	MB	Mass	Priest's Int.
Sat 22	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	Margaret Mary Helliwell
Sun 23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday O.T. [2 <sup>nd</sup> Colln.: Sick and Retired Priests]	0930 12noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Mark Whelan RIP People of the Parish

**Please note that Mass on Wednesday and Thursday will be with visitors from our primary schools.**

**We pray for Frank Constable and Anne Fryer** who have died recently. May they rest in peace, and their families and friends be comforted.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in January:** Anne Lillis, Rafal Gos, Eric Howard, John Hines, Winefride Mertz, John Pearson, Mark Whelan, Jani Abbs-Brown, John Froggatt, Alastair Gillies, Michael Furlong, Patricia Burkitt, Christine O'Hanlon, Eileen Sheeran, Francis Caraher, Doreen Furlong, Rita Froggart, Martin Beddows.

**If anyone finds** any small earphones at New Mills, please contact the parish office.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Hayfield Christians invite you to an Ecumenical prayer service. Led by Joe Hennigan,** followed by a soup lunch, starting 12 noon Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. At St John's Methodist Church, Hayfield.

### **INVITATION TO A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTIAN UNITY WITH COPTIC CHRISTIANS SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY at 2.30pm**

At The Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary and St Mina Heaton Moor Road, Stockport, SK4 4PB.

At this service we will unite with Christians from all different traditions in Greater Manchester to praise Jesus for our unity with Christians around the world. The service will be supported by Rt. Rev. John Arnold - RC Bishop of Salford, The Right Reverend Sam Corley - Anglican Bishop of Stockport and Cllr Adrian Nottingham, Mayor of Stockport. Prayers for will be offered in several languages with the service and hymns in English.

### **Churches Together, Marple Area**

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity let us worship together. Everyone is invited to the Church of the Holy Spirit, Leigh Avenue, Marple, on Sunday January 23rd at 4pm. Covid safety precautions will be in place.

**White Flower Appeal (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children):** This weekend. Stickers will be available as well as campaign postcards. There will be an opportunity to leave a donation.

**CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS** If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school within the Diocese of Nottingham, a virtual information session will take place on **Tuesday 8 February** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)).

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,** Stockport. Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher. The closing date for applications is 24th January 2022. For further information please visit one of the following websites -

School [www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk)

Diocese [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary)

Local Authority [www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies)

Telephone: 0161 480 5029

Email: [clare.bell@st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:clare.bell@st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk)

**Secondary School Vacancies:** St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust have vacancies for a Headteacher (English Martyrs', Leicester) and a Deputy Headteacher (St Martin's, Stoke Golding). Closing date for applications is 26 January 2022. For further details of these and other vacancies within this trust please visit [www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies](http://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies)