



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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(St Mary's Road)

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**6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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

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

**Congratulations to Norah and Julia whose baptisms took place recently.**

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Joan Bindley, David Cochrane. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the parish office or collect a form from the back of church.

**Please pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs in February:** Janina Letowska, Mary Donnelly, Joan Kerrigan, Lotar Kujawa, Patricia O'Brien, Patrick Curley

|                                   |                | Place     |                    | Intention   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------|---|
| Sat 5                             | 1830           | MB        | Vigil Mass         | ---   |
| Sun 6 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday O.T. | 0930<br>12noon | NM<br>MB  | Mass<br>Mass       | T H Doherty<br>People of the Parish                       |
| Mon 7                             |                |           |                    |   |
| Tue 8                             | <b>1100</b>    | <b>MB</b> | <b>Req. Mass</b>   | <b>Mary Dyer RIP</b>                                      |
| Wed 9                             | <b>1200</b>    | <b>MB</b> | <b>Fun'l Serv.</b> | <b>Lynda Doran RIP</b>                                    |
| Thu 10 St Scholastica             | 1000           | NM        | Mass               | Joan Kerrigan RIP<br><b>With children from St. Mary's</b> |
| Fri 11                            | 1000           | MB        | Mass               | Deborah Whitehouse  |
| Sat 12                            | 1830           | MB        | Vigil Mass         | Shaun Armstrong RIP                                       |
| Sun 13 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT  | 0930<br>12noon | NM<br>MB  | Mass<br>Mass       | Seamus McMahan RIP<br>People of the Parish                |

**We pray for Lynda Doran and Mary Dyer** who have died recently. May they rest in peace, and their families and friends be comforted.

**I would like to say a big thank-you** to you all, for the support and friendship you have shown to me over the years that I have lived in New Mills through the sad times and the good times. As you can gather I am leaving the district, to start the next chapter in my life. I am moving nearer my daughter in Leeds. Hopefully I will be able to come back and visit. Thank-you once again. **Love Margaret Beddows.**

**Medaille House Supporting Victims of Trafficking and Modern Slavery** The Manchester Medaille House has put out an urgent request for bedding for its residents: they are in desperate need of single bedding, especially fitted sheets and would be grateful for any surplus articles you can spare from your linen cupboards. Please leave contributions at the back of Church or ring Maureen Bell 07791619201/Catherine Butler 07704323438 to arrange collection. Thank you.

**Father John Cairns Memorial Service 6 p.m. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at The Annunciation New Mills**

It was Fr John's wish to have a memorial service at New Mills. With the help of his family we are able to do that on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Many members of his family (hopefully including his mother) will be travelling across to England for this special service. It would be wonderful to bring the parish together to celebrate Fr John's life, have a cup of tea in the hall after the service and share memories of Fr John with his family. Everyone in the parish is welcome.

**Confirmation for Glossop, Hadfield, Broadbottom, Marple Bridge and New Mills** is taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, when the Bishop will be coming to our area. The preparation programme begins in March for all young people or adults from Year 8 and over. The sessions will be in Glossop. Information for the candidates is on the form, available from the back of church. Forms can be handed to Fr Daniel or Mary Robinson (New Mills) and Catherine Anderson (Marple Bridge). Many thanks to Christine Hulley and the team.

**Men's and Women's Lenten Retreats** – The Diocese is organising a retreat for women on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March (at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Nottingham) and a retreat for men on 19<sup>th</sup> March (at the Briars in Crich). The women's retreat will be led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and will be focused on 'Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs!' how we live out our faith in all areas of our lives and the people we interact with. The men's retreat will be led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and will take as its theme: 'Friendship with Christ & Friendship in Christ' exploring how we can grow in friendship and fraternity. Please email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information and to book your place.



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**By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be published  
on the weekends in February and October each year**

Marriage is a lifelong vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and, between the baptized, it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

1. It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding. Normally, at least six months' notice should be given.
2. Marriage preparation is carried out by the priest, often assisted by a group from the parish. Courses arranged on a Deanery basis are recommended.
3. Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all their children baptized and brought up in the faith and practice of the Catholic Church.
4. Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise, but they are not asked to make this or any similar promise.
5. Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic to take place in a non-Catholic church can only be granted for a serious reason. Couples who wish to marry in a non-Catholic church should discuss the matter with their priest in good time before their wedding day to see whether a dispensation could be granted.

All couples marrying these days need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in their preparation for marriage, in celebrating their marriage, and in living out their covenant with one another.

We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

**Right Reverend Patrick McKinney**  
Bishop of Nottingham