



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

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

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

		Place		Intention
Sat 19	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	---
Sun 20 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	0930	NM	Mass	Catherine Hodnett
	12noon	MB	Mass	People of the Parish
Mon 21				
Tue 22 Chair of St. Peter	1030	NM	Mass	---
Wed 23 St. Polycarp	1000	MB	Mass	Cecelia Stark RIP
Thu 24	1000	NM	Mass	---
Fri 25	1000	MB	Mass	Deborah Whitehouse
Sat 26	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	---
Sun 27 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday OT	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
	12noon	MB	Mass	---

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

**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.

**Let us pray for** Vera Mycock who has recently died. May she rest in peace and her family and friends be comforted.

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 4 March at All Saints Church Marple, at 2pm.

**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 Andersen (Marple Bridge). Many thanks to Christine Hulley and the team.

**22<sup>nd</sup> February 7-8pm, Marple Bridge Old School Rooms.** A meeting of our new Pastoral Forum. Please come along if you can: those who expressed an interest at the last meeting, plus anybody else who is interested and willing to help. This is to discuss Lent and Easter and some other matters. If you cannot come, please submit any ideas/suggestions to the parish office in advance.

### **Coronavirus Update**

- Good ventilation is important
- Face coverings are encouraged, and particularly when singing
- Sanitising hands on entry and exit is encouraged
- Holy water receptacles can be refilled (albeit with the water changed regularly)
- Sign of Peace can be re-instated. However, it would be best not to shake hands unnecessarily but maybe make a bow or some other gesture.

Shalom World's program, HeartTalk, this Sunday features a **TV Interview with Bishop Patrick**. The bishop speaks about his early life, his mission, his vision, and the ministries he is involved in through our diocese and the wider Church. The interview can be seen on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm on [www.shalomworld.org](http://www.shalomworld.org)

**Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February to 6th March 2022:** The theme this year is "Choose The World You Want" and focuses on the effects of climate change on those who produce our food. The Fairtrade Foundation is holding an online festival and there are lots of interesting free events to sign up to. See <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/>

**Traidcraft** The new spring catalogues have been published and there will be a chance to look at them and place an order on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March after both masses in the Old School, Marple Bridge. Fairtrade refreshments will be served. All welcome.

**Following Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter** this weekend, any further Synodal responses, thoughts or reflections can be sent directly to the Diocesan Co-ordinators: Father David Cain ([david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk)) or Joe Hopkins, Adult Formation Director for Mission ([joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk))

**Job Opportunity – Warden & Clerk – St Scholastica's Retreat** A competitive salary, pension, and onsite accommodation in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply by 28<sup>th</sup> February, see: [www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy)

**Evening Prayer (Vespers) with Synodal Sharing** Everyone is invited to gather with Bishop Patrick for Evening Prayer on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, from 7pm – 8.30pm in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham (NG1 5AE) during which each deanery will say a little about their Synodal Journey so far, and the Bishop's Draft Diocesan Response will be presented. All are very welcome!

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