



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
**St Mary** and **The Annunciation**  
Marple Bridge New Mills



New Mills  
(St Mary's Road)

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20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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

		Place		Intention
Sat 19	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	---
Sun 20 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	People of the Parish
	12noon	MB	Mass	---
Mon 21				
Tue 22				
Wed 23	1800	NM	Mass	Memorial: Fr John Cairns RIP
Thu 24				
Fri 25 The Annunciation	1000	MB	Mass	<b>Followed by Stations of the Cross</b>
Sat 26	1830	MB	Vigil Mass	---
Sun 27 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	0930	NM	Mass	Brown McGrath family ints.
	12noon	MB	Mass	People of the Parish

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

**Congratulations to Oliver** whose baptism took place recently.

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Joan Bindley, David Cochrane, Dorothy Graham. 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 March:** Maureen Torkington, Norah Pierce, Doris Keating, Ann Shillito, Gerard Brierley, Christine Johnstone, Tina Roche

**A reminder** that there is a special Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr John Cairns at 6pm on Wednesday 23 March, at New Mills. Light refreshments to follow.

**A further meeting on Tuesday 22nd March at 7pm, in the Old School Rooms** is needed to progress plans for Fr John's permanent memorial. Items such as the site, design, size, wood engraving or plaque together with delivery cost, installation and overall cost will be considered. We welcome interested parties to make progress before a plan for funding by Marple Bridge parishioners can be made. Gordon and Laurie.

**The offertory envelopes** for the financial year beginning April 2022 have arrived and people who require one should contact Jim Howell on [news@stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk](mailto:news@stmarysmarplebridge.org.uk) or on 07775602258.

It has been very hard to organise the collection, counting and declaration for envelopes for the last two years and Jim would like to thank all who have helped in any way with this. Things are improving but we are not back to normal so it would be much appreciated if anyone who does NOT pay income tax refrained from using an envelope this year. (You can still put money in the collections of course.) If anyone who is using electronic payments would continue to do so, this would be a great help. We hope to restore a full normal service in April 2023.

**The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust** is seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body (P/T, term-time). Full details are available on their website: [www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies)  
Closing Date: 25 March 2022

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## Diocesan support for the people of Ukraine

I thank you for all the prayers, practical initiatives, and generosity that people across our diocese have already been engaged in, and especially in support of CAFOD's appeal for Ukraine.

On behalf of the diocese I have been in regular contact with Father David Senyk, the Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of London, who also ministers to the Ukrainian communities in Derby, Leicester and Nottingham. I have offered him our prayers for the people of Ukraine and for an end to the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian forces.

More recently I asked him how best he thought we could cooperate with and support the Ukrainian communities within our diocese so as to welcome, house and guide refugees from Ukraine when they arrive amongst us. They, after all, have the contacts in Ukraine and among the Ukrainian refugees that we do not.

He explained that through their direct contacts with charity organisations already working on the ground in Ukraine they have been able to send £400,000 to each of the following charities, Caritas Ukraine, Red Cross Ukraine and Medicin sans frontiers. They are continuing to collect funds, but now it is for the use of refugees, mainly women and children, when they arrive here. Any donations for this work can be deposited directly into a dedicated account, sort code 16-00-16 account number 10121272, name, 'Ukrainian Catholic Church'. Any cheques should be made payable to 'Ukrainian Catholic Church' and sent to Very Rev David Senyk, Chancellor, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, 21-22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ.

He also asked that we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and that this prayer might be included in all newsletters throughout the diocese:

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

We pray that the Lord God send His Holy Spirit to all the people of Ukraine  
and gives them the grace of endurance in faith, hope and love amid the current ordeals;  
may peace be granted throughout Ukraine  
and may the Ukrainian nation be delivered from all enemies,  
so that we may glorify the good and merciful God in justice and truth.  
Lord hear us and have mercy. Amen.

+ *Patrick*