



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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## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

		Place		Intention
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Thomas Delaney R.I.P.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	NM	Mass	Dominic Kwiatowski R.I.P.
	12 noon	MB	Mass	
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	NM	Mass	Rosemarie Harley (well-being)
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> August	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September		MB	No Mass	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Veronica Jarman R.I.P.
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	9.30am	NM	Mass	
	12 noon	MB	Mass	

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick: David Cochrane, Dorothy Graham, Mary Bradbury. To be added to this list, please contact the parish office or collect a form from the back of church.

**PLEASE NOTE** There will be no Mass at Marple Bridge on Friday of this week.

**FOOTSTEPS:** You are warmly invited to come to Footsteps on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the large Parish centre of St Peter's, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Footsteps is a series of presentations by invited speakers who can help us as we journey in our Christian faith. Doctor and Sister Helen Costigane is coming from London to share her thoughts on what might prevent us experiencing God's love and mercy. She was the highly inspirational speaker at Loreto's speech night in the Bridgewater Hall last year. Footsteps is an informal, friendly event in a café-style setting with refreshments and nibbles, a good sprinkling of humour, lots of parking and good disabled access.

**GARDENING AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL MARPLE BRIDGE - AN APPEAL:** Our gardening offer to children throughout St Mary's is only possible with the ongoing volunteers that we have had over the years. As children move on to secondary school, we inevitably lose some volunteers along the way. We are therefore looking to strengthen our volunteer group from September. We are looking for any parents/grandparents who can offer a Wednesday morning/afternoon per week to come and work with the children in planting, harvesting and maintaining our wonderful gardens around St Mary's school. There is no heavy lifting involved and you are welcome to do as much or little as you like. If you are not able to commit to every week this is fine too. We need to make it work for all possible volunteers, so we are very flexible. Please let Mrs Bradbury know if you are available to offer any help.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** We are looking for one or two people to take over the teaching of the Sacramental programme (First Confession and First Holy Communion) at New Mills. Please speak to Father Emmanuel or Jo Barber

**SAFEGUARDING AT MARPLE BRIDGE:** Thanks to Kate Hunt who has been the safeguarding rep at MB for the last six years or more. She is to step down from this role at the end of August, so we would like a volunteer to come forward to fulfil this important and statutory role. No experience is required and full Diocesan and Parish training will be given. Further info from Kate, Jo Barber at NM, or the Diocesan safeguarding office. Volunteers can give their names to Fr Emmanuel or Joe Hennigan, via the office.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY MARPLE BRIDGE:** We will be holding a Parish quiz night with a meat and potato pie supper on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm at the church hall in Marple Bridge.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2 p.m. at New Mills !*

- a special 'Songs of Praise' with presentation and dedication of new Hymn books
- followed by Parish Open meeting
- election of Parish Pastoral Council
- afternoon tea for all !

*Save the Day and Join all your fellow parishioners !*