



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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**18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

		Place		Intention
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	MB	Mass	In thanksgiving (Kate Hunt)
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Joan Kerrigan R.I.P. Deborah Whitehouse (Mansfield)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> August		NM	No Mass	
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> August		MB	No Mass	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Feast of St. Lawrence</b>	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION - WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023** : The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC want a world where abortion is unthinkable and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independant poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's "pills by post" scheme leave women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC to defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis **(Robin Haig)**

**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

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Would you be able and willing to help with taking Holy Communion to a sick and housebound person on a regular basis? You would need to attend a diocesan training weekend, taking place the first or second weekend in September and also attend the diocesan commissioning Mass in November. For more information, you can speak informally with any of the current Eucharistic Ministers or with Father Emmanuel, who also has details of the training weekends.

**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:** *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 !*