



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of

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Marple Bridge  
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and

**The Annunciation**  
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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

		Place		Intention
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	NM	Mass	Jo McMahon R.I.P.
	12 noon	MB	Mass	Mike McGreevy R.I.P.
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>9.30am</b>	MB	Mass	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00am	NM	Mass	Special Intention (Pat McGrath)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		MB	No Mass	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	NM	Mass	Jo McMahon (birthday)
	12 noon	MB	Mass	

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend for Catholic Communications.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Our Bishop has asked people to wear something red on Pentecost Sunday to represent the tongues of fire; Man City supporters may wish to wear orange instead!

**CHANGE OF WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Please note that next Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> May), the Mass at Marple Bridge will be at 9.30am; there will be no weekday Mass on Friday morning.

**MAY QUEEN PROCESSION:** Dear Parishioners, This Wednesday 22 May St. Mary's VA New Mills will be completing their May Queen procession to the church grotto to crown Mary. We will also lay some flowers at the Statue of St Mary and then crown our school May Queen. The pupils will complete a range of prayers in this short celebration. You are all welcome to attend at 2.30pm at the church grotto.

**PLEASE NOTE** that work on the steeple at New Mills is scheduled to begin on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May; this will mean that access to the car parks will be severely restricted during this week; hopefully work will be completed within the week.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet in May. The following people are members of the PPC: Father Emmanuel Abbem Parish Priest), Denise Ead (chair), Fionuala Boucher (school liaison), Jim Howell and Matt Gourdin (technology and website), Nick Reynolds (health and safety; Nick has been doing a lot of work regarding trees being removed from church grounds and organising gardening/cemetery work at Marple Bridge), Sophie Wright (social coordinator), Patricia Atkinson and David Mellor (Parish finance), Ann Winders (recently joined the PPC) and Jo Barber (safeguarding). Additional information: Jim Howell – role of coordinating burials and Mary Robinson – organises weekly Parish newsletter. If you have an issue for the PPC to discuss, please let Father Emmanuel know or Denise Ead (0161 427 6297) by 17<sup>th</sup> May and we can add it to the agenda. Father Emmanuel would like to thank all the other people in the Parish who help in any way; it is greatly appreciated.

**DAY OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** On Saturday 15th June, from 10-4pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit Our Lady and St Christopher's, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today.

**THE WEDNESDAY CLUB BINGO SESSION** was again well attended. Most of the prizes went to the MB end of the parish....i won't mention Moira's name... Next date for the diary is 19th June. All welcome.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY** in Marple Bridge has been graded Good overall, with Outstanding features, following its latest Ofsted inspection, you can read the full report here: <https://bit.ly/4a5arJT> The press release is here: [St Mary's graded Good with Outstanding features - St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/news/st-marys-graded-good-with-outstanding-features-st-ralph-sherwin-catholic-multi-academy-trust). As a parish community we offer our congratulations to the whole school family on a fantastic inspection outcome.'

**CHURCH CLEANERS** are required at New Mills, please speak to Jo Barber.