

The Catholic Community Newsletter



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018

Saturday	17th	Ch. MB	5.00pm 6.30pm	FR GERRY MURPHY FR DON BOWDREN	Tom Pickup R.I.P.
Sunday	18th	NM Ch. MB	9.30am 11-00 am 11.15am	FR BERNARD NEEDHAM FR BERNARD NEEDHAM MGR MOORE	Sr Isabel Miller R.I.P. (MD) Tony Anderson John Joe O'Malley R.I.P
Monday	19th	NM	11.00am 7-30 p.m.	Saint Joseph, Spouse of BVM (Fr Don) 4TH Parish Lenten Session How Holy This Feast; discussion, followed by Eucharistic Adoration	Refreshments 7-15 p.m. in NM Hall 7-30 p.m; Church 8.00pm.
Wednesday	21 th	MB	11.00am	Lenten Feria (Fr Don)	Doreen Furlong R.I.P. (MC)
Saturday	24th	Ch. MB	5.00pm 6.30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT	David Shepherd R.I.P. (DM)
Sunday	25th	NM Ch. MB	9.30am 11-00 am 11.15am		Fr Kevin's intentions (MMC) Doreen Furlong R.I.P. (MC) Fred Mansfield R.I.P. (DM)
ROTAS					
Welcomers	6.30pm	MB	18th March	Celia Osborn Steve Burgess	25th March
Readers				Norah Hudson	Gordon Lyon
Gifts				Doreen Kane & Jacqui Patel	Easter readers
Welcomers	9.30am	NM		Sheila Harrison & Catherine Butler	M Cooke & E Newton
Readers				Patrick Roche	Brian & Rene Tierney
Gifts				Tony McHale	Jani Abbs Brown & Nick Reynolds
Child's Lit	9.30am	NM		George Wood	Jenny McGuinness
Counters		MB		Liz Greene & Mary Robinson	Easter readers
		NM		John Dixon & Chris Derbyshire	Denise Ead
		NM		Keith & Brenda Mastin	Eileen Reynolds & Sheila Harrison
Tea/ Coffee		NM		Helen Wilson & family	Mary & Noel Dempsey
Cleaners		NM		No cleaning	Patrick & Geraldine Chamberlain
		MB		Margaret & Vincent Coupes	Theresa Hogg +Ela Keller-Koczaska
					Deborah Laugesen
					No cleaning

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH: Let us pray together that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

FR KEVIN WRITES: As we move deeper into Lent, it's good to renew our resolution to make this a season of fresh beginnings and new starts. Although we might have allowed our initial zeal to flag, that is no reason to throw in the towel completely.

This year we are celebrating a Eucharist Congress in Liverpool from Sept 7th to 9th. Not everyone will be able to physically attend for a variety of reasons, not least the venue would not fit us all in. However, we can all participate in some way and prepare for the congress as parishes and individuals. It would be a marvellous thing if we had an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week so that all of us can have the opportunity of meeting with our Risen and Glorified Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. In Eucharistic Adoration we encounter the person of Jesus Christ and, as we know, in meeting with one another, we are changed and challenged, comforted and strengthened.

In the presence of Jesus, in a mysterious way, we come to know our true selves. All that is deep within us begins to surface. Things that we would be afraid of within our personalities can be faced with the grace of Jesus's Eucharistic Presence. In coming to know Him, we come also to know ourselves better. We are nourished, renewed and given all that we need for the journey ahead. As we become focused on recognising Jesus in "the breaking of the bread", in the Blessed Sacrament, we also become more aware of His presence in our sisters and brothers whom we meet in the course of our day; especially in the poor, the marginalised and those in greatest need. This is lent and it can be enjoyed this year and every year if we really love Christ in the Eucharist.

HOW HOLY THIS FEAST: Our Monday evening sessions conclude tomorrow (19th March) at 7.30pm at the church hall New Mills. We will consider what we can do as a Parish, to increase our devotion to the Eucharist; all welcome.

ADDITIONAL EASTER SERVICE: There will now be an additional 3 p.m. service on Good Friday, at New Mills (as well as Marple Bridge)

SIGN UP FOR EASTER SERVICES: Volunteers are still needed at both MB and NM to help out during all our Easter Services; please put your name on the lists at the back of both churches and offer to help **today**

COFFEE EVENING WITH TALK: The manager of the two Manchester Safe Houses for the victims of trafficking will speak in the Parish this Fri 23rd March, 7.30pm at New Mills Church Hall. Donations of cakes or raffle prizes welcome; also suitcases, single bedding, toiletries, men's and women's new underwear and socks for the clients.

REST IN PEACE ANNIVERSARIES:

Norah Brady, David Whyatt, William Rose, Marie Jones,
Thomas Oswald Sheeran, Clifford Walkden, John Alan Nicholls,
Kathleen Winifred Duddy and Cath Oates,

**May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS: These are available at the back of both churches this weekend at a reduced cost of £1.50; please put the money in the plate at the back of church

NEW COLLECTION ENVELOPES for year beginning 8th April 2018 are at the back of church. Please collect them and let Jim know on 07775602258 if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT MARPLE BRIDGE:

More helpers are needed to support the children's liturgy at Marple Bridge; you would need to have a DBS check and be willing to sit in as a second adult and support the programme. If you can help, please contact the Parish office on the email overleaf or speak with Jenny McGuinness.

FIRST COMMUNION AT MARPLE BRIDGE:

The First Communion Programme will resume after Easter; the dates will be: Sundays April 8th and 29th and May 6th, 13th and 20th

HAYFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER will be holding a special 'Covenant signing' service outside St Matthews church at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, 25th March, followed by a 'Walk of Witness' carrying a cross through the village and up to the top of Lantern Pike, where the cross will be erected during a short service, and remain for Holy Week. Everyone is encouraged to come for some, or all of this service, with fellow Christians.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: In preparation for Easter, there will be a Service of Reconciliation at St Anne's, Buxton, Monday 26th March at 7.00pm

THE ELUSIVE FR. KEVIN! Yes, I've been told that I have cancer but as yet I know not which species ... the main symptoms are an extreme tiredness and pain/discomfort when I sit in a chair. I've had a soft tissue scan, a bone scan and biopsies have been taken. The doctors have already started me on a course of medication which they have assured me will cause further 'extreme' tiredness and possibly mood swings and flu-like symptoms. And so ... I rest and sleep, sleep and rest and do as much work as possible on my phone while lying down. By Palm Sunday I should have a clearer picture of what is exactly wrong and what they can do for me. Meantime, I shall continue to be elusive; catch me at an off time of day ... be wary of those mood swings ... I've now got a built in excuse to be rotten and nasty!

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND,

Remember especially:

Fr John Cairns, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Rene Tierney, Kath Bracewell, Jan Letowska, Bernard Taylor, Mary Forbes, Eileen Grace, Beverley Burke, Anna Kalnis, Fr. Hugh Doherty, David Poole, Bernadette Tonge, David Hill, Bill Martin, Marie Sidebottom, Suzanne Mautschke, Janet Liddle, Dorothy Graham, Christine Henry, Aine Shaw and David Turner