

The Catholic Community Newsletter

**St Mary's, Marple Bridge
and
The Annunciation, New Mills**



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Saturday	8 TH	MB	6.30pm	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Funeral service First Confessions Mass - Advent Feria Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation Service Mass - Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Fred & Annie Coverley R.I.P.
Sunday	9 TH	NM	9.30am		Kathleen Bracewell & family
		MB	11.15am		Rouser & O'Neil fam R.I.P.
Monday	10 th	MB	11am		Baby Oliver Bullock R.I.P.
		MB	3.30pm		
Tuesday	11 TH	NM	10.00am		Reverend John P Prendergast R.I.P.
		NM	10.30am		
Wednesday	12 TH	MB	9.30am		St Mary's school, New Mills
		NM	1.15pm		Patricia Vaggers R.I.P.
Thursday	13 ^T	MB	9.30am		
Saturday	15 TH	MB	6.30pm	Denis Stanford R.I.P.	
Sunday	16 TH	NM	9.30am	Reverend JJ Collins R.I.P.	
		MB	11.15am	Nora & Bessie Hanlon R.I.P.	

ROTAS

		9 TH DECEMBER		16 TH DECEMBER	
Welcomers		MB	Eileen Burgess	Celia Osborn	
Readers			Pauline Howell	Maureen Matthews	
Gifts			Sheila & Fred Harvey	Betty Reynolds	
Welcomers		NM	Assunta Ashton & Simon Sharp	Doreen Kane & Jacqui Patel	
Readers			Pat Atkinson & Mary Robinson	Catherine Butler & Sheila Harrison	
Welcomers		MB	Sheila Harvey	Myra O'Connor	
Readers			Sally Evans	Tom Delaney	
Gifts			George Wood	Denise Ead	
Child's Lit		NM	Ann Webb & Margater Beddows	Helen Whelan & Alena Greenwood	
Counters		MB	Ann Lyon & Rita Buckley	Phil Davison & Tom Delaney	
		NM	Peter Doyle & Mary Forbes	Ann & Bernard Taylor	
Tea/ Coffee		NM	Theresa Hogg & Ela Keller-Koczaska	Angie & Jim McGlynn	
Cleaners		NM	No cleaning	Big Christmas Clean	
		MB	No cleaning	Myra O'Connor & Veronica Jarman	

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: Evangelization: that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

ENCOUNTER: Bishop Patrick reminds us ...' Without this emphasis on the importance of a foundational encounter with Christ, we cannot become effective disciples. If we ourselves have not allowed the Lord to invite us into his friendship and to guide our lives through his Holy Spirit, then how, with any true integrity, can we speak of this to others.' This Advent, try and pray daily the Magnificat. "Christian faith is, above all, conversion to Jesus Christ, full and sincere adherence to his person and the decision to walk in his footsteps. Faith is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, making of oneself his disciple. This demands a permanent commitment to think like him, to judge like him and to live as he lived. In this way the believer unites him or herself to the community of disciples and appropriates the faith of the Church. This 'Yes' to Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of the revelation of the Father, is twofold: a trustful abandonment to God and a loving assent to all that he has revealed to us. This is possible only by the action of the Holy Spirit." (General Directory for Catechesis, 53, 54). It is not difficult to hear in this quotation many echoes of Mary's personal encounter, openness to the Holy Spirit and deepening relationship with God. She is our example.

FATHER JOHN TEXTS: Thank you once again for all your prayers and support. I eventually received my chemo treatment on Wednesday after they managed to clear my blocked pic line. I do pray for each one of you, especially the sick and housebound, on a daily basis, as you do for me. The ads on the t.v. are all promoting Christmas, in order to sell their products. You already have your greatest gift and treasure, the gift of your family and loved ones. I pray that this Christmas will be a really special, wonderful and happy time with your families and that the birth of our Lord may bring you all peace, joy and happiness.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Children's Vigil Mass at 6.00pm at New Mills and on Christmas morning, at 9.30am Mass at New Mills and 11.15am at Marple Bridge; there will also be Midnight Mass at Chapel.

BIG CHRISTMAS CLEAN NEW MILLS: Everyone is welcome to help clean our church and make it beautiful for Christmas next Sat. Dec. 15th 10.00am.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND,

Remember especially:

Fr John Cairns, Rene Tierney, Jani Abbs-Brown,
Jan Letowska, Eileen Grace, Beverley Burke,
Anna Kalnis, Fr. Hugh Doherty, Aine Shaw, David Poole,
Bernadette Tonge, David Hill, Bill Martin,
Marie Sidebottom, Suzanne Mautschke, Janet Liddle, and
Dorothy Graham

ADVENT TAIZE EVENING: This Friday, 14th December at 7.00pm, there will be a Taizé evening at Chapel en le Frith; the theme will be 'Preparation and Hope.' All welcome.

DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION

SERVICES: There will also be two Penitential Services at St Anne's Buxton at 10.00am and 7.00pm on Monday 17th December; all welcome

BAPTISMS: Deacon Don will be holding one Baptism course on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at New Mills for anyone wishing to have their child baptised before Easter. Please complete the form at the back of both churches if you would like to have your child baptised during this time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: will take place at Marple Bridge at 12 noon on Saturday 15th June. Please keep these children in your daily prayers.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL, NEW MILLS: Thank you to all the parishioners, who helped is to celebrate the start of Advent with a Mass in church on Tuesday. It was a lovely occasion at which our future executive head was present. Thanks also to all of the parishioners, who attended our Christmas Fayre on Friday evening- it was a real festive occasion. Our KS1 Nativity is on Tuesday, 11th December at 6.30. Everyone is welcome.

DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE MAGAZINE:

This is called 'Just Now' and the Advent edition can be downloaded from the diocesan website on <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk>

VACANCIES FOR LAY CHAPLAINS: The directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint three lay chaplains. For further information on these vacancies please visit their website www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk. Closing date is 19 December.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS are still available at the back of both churches at the bargain price of £3; please leave money at the back of church.

REST IN PEACE ANNIVERSARIES:

Winifred Irene Foy, Maurice Cyril Bell, Cyril A Bishop,
Sidney Evans, Eileen Colligan, Peter Ward and
Carmela Taylpr.

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