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The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
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## FIRST, SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Betty Reynolds (in gratitude)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Church workers & lift givers Theo and his parents (welfare)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Ellen & Jimmy Barlow RIP
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	NM	Mass	Brigid Convery RIP
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Thomas Delaney RIP
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	NM	Mass	Deceased members of the Clarke & McEvoy families
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10:00am	NM	Mass	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10:00am	MB	Mass	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass	Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Christmas Carols	24 <sup>th</sup> December	NM	5:30pm
Family Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> December	NM	6:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass	24 <sup>th</sup> December	MB	8:00pm
Christmas Day Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> December	NM	9:30am
Christmas Day Mass	25 <sup>th</sup> December	MB	11:30am

**OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** This year's Christmas Lunch, will be on FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2023 at New Mills Golf Club, a most enjoyable social occasion. Menu and full details have been handed out; the deadline for the return of menu choices and money is past. Please arrive by 12:30 for 1:00pm serving of lunch.

**ADVENT ADORATION:** There will be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Taize music, a few readings and periods of silence on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at New Mills. **Theme: *Peace in our world and in our hearts.*** We hope you can join us to pray

**LOVE SHOULD NOT HURT:** Our diocese is supporting this campaign against domestic violence. Posters, on the notice boards in both churches, contain information and a support number for more information and help.

**ST. MARY' SCHOOL NEW MILLS:** Dear Parishioners you are all very welcome to visit school and attend the following events: 30/11/23- Class 1 whole school prayer/liturgy based on the First Sunday of Advent

Christmas performances- Class 1 and 2 Monday 11/12/23 9.30-10.30am  
and Class 4 and 4 Wednesday 13/12/23 9.30-10.30am

We are in need of Foundation governors for our school. We currently have 1 which is significantly below what is needed to operate successfully. If you can spare 6 2 hours sessions over a whole year, please could you contact school and help us to continue to ensure we have a popular and thriving Catholic primary school within New Mills.

**ADVENT READING:** Monsignor Moore (Father Jonathan) who many of us know has written a book called, 'With Him, in Him'. It is a reflection on the Gospel and starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent. You can buy a paperback copy of the book from Amazon. Cost £5.78. It has had very good reviews.

**FATHER EMMANUAL ON RETREAT:** I leave you in the very capable hands of Msgr. Jonathan Moore and Fr. Frank Carvil. May I ask parishioners to please patronise neighbouring parishes for weekday masses. I assure you of my prayers whilst I am away retreating. God bless you all