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The Catholic Community Newsletter
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FIRST WEEK OF LENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 8 th March	4.00pm	MB	Mass	Joan Grieves by Ann Swainbank
Sun 9 th March	9.30am	NM	Mass	Christine Martin R.I.P by David and Margaret Mellor
	12 noon	MB	Mass	Thomas Delaney R.I.P
Tues 11 th March				Lenten Mass at Matlock at 7pm
Wed 12 th March			No Mass	
Thurs 13 th March	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Fri 14 th March	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Sat 15 th March	4.00pm	MB	Mass	Bernard Sharky R.I.P by Denise Ead
Sun 16 th March	9.30am	NM	Mass	
	12 noon	MB	Mass	

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

ST MARYS PROPOSED CHURCH CLOSURE In response to the letter containing Parishioners questions sent to our Bishop, Canon John Kyne (Vicar General) and David Lawes (Chief Operating Officer) have been asked by Bishop McKinney to come to Marple Bridge to meet with Parishioners to discuss the closure of St Mary's Church this Easter. The meeting has been arranged for Friday 14th March at 4:00 pm at Marple Bridge. This is our one chance to put our views forward and to try to keep our St Mary's Church open. Please come. Denise Chair of Parish Council

THE PARISH COUNCIL (PPC) : An extraordinary Parish Pastoral Meeting will take place on Thursday 13th March 7pm New Mills Parish Hall. This is to discuss the proposed closure of St Mary's Church. The planned PPC meeting on 3rd April will take place as planned. If a parishioner would like to discuss anything before either of these meetings, please let the Parish Administrator know.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.30 MASS Tea and Coffee in Church Hall after 9.30am mass at New Mills, all welcome.

WALK WITH ME FOR LENT 2025 Daily prayers commencing on Ash Wednesday March 5th through to Easter Sunday April 20th. Available THIS WEEKEND to purchase for £1.00 each from Pauline Gavin at New Mills and Ann Lyon at both masses at Marple Bridge.

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT: This Saturday, 8th March at New Mills, we will be hosting a Eucharistic retreat with teas and coffees from 9.30am. The day will consist of two sessions, one exploring the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place over the years and the second reflecting on the meaning of the Eucharist, particularly the Mass. Monseigneur Jonathan Moore will be saying Mass, followed by a period of Adoration, during which there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day will finish at 3.30pm so please bring a packed lunch. Attendance at this day would also satisfy the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to attend an annual renewal day although all are welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.

WEDNESDAY CLUB: We have now found a bingo caller to cover the next 2 meetings so we are pleased that they will now go ahead. The dates are: Wednesday 19th March and Wednesday 23rd April. Usual times and arrangements. All are welcome.

CARETAKER VACANCY: We now have a Caretaker opportunity at New Mills. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Administrator or Father Emmanuel. Please note this is a paid role.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend Sunday 16th March there will be a collection for CAFOD (Lent Fast Day).