



Marple Bridge  
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The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
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## THIRD WEEK OF LENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 22nd March	4.00pm	MB	Mass	Rita Moore (Wellbeing) by Pat Carter
Sun 23rd March	9.30am	NM	Mass	John & Bridget Kirrane R.I.P by Teresa Hogg
	12 noon	MB	Mass	Kate Hunt (Special Intention)
Wed 26th March			No Mass	
Thurs 27th March	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Fri 28th March	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Sat 29th March	4.00pm	MB	Mass	Thomas Delaney R.I.P
Sun 30th March	9.30am	NM	Mass	
	12 noon	MB	Mass	Julie Barrow R.I.P by Terry & Richard Barrow

**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:** As parishioners know we held a meeting last week with the Vicar General and the Chief Operating Officer sent by Bishop McKinney to discuss the closure of St Mary's church. The meeting was well attended and we strongly advocated for our church to remain open. Since the meeting a letter has been sent to the Bishop citing canon law and asking our church remain open. We are awaiting a response. If anyone would like to see any letters appertaining to this matter, and what you can do to help, please see the parish website. We are all saying our prayers for a good outcome. Denise Ead, Chair Parish Council. Parishioners struggling with emotions on the church closure are to email [christa.wardle@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:christa.wardle@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE:** These will be at the back of each church. The Bishop has requested for you take them home and complete these and return by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday at 6.30pm at New Mills, during this period of Lent.

**COFFEE MORNING FOR MEDAILLE TRUST:** 10.00am - 12 noon Saturday 6th April 2025 at St Mary's Parish Hall New Mills: As many of you may be aware the Medaille Trust is a charity that provides safe housing and rehabilitation for victims freed from trafficking, and over recent years you have been generous in raising funds for the male residents supported by the Medaille Trust in Manchester. Once more you are invited to contribute via your attendance at the coffee morning on the 6th April where Sam Baxendale (Manchester House Manager) will give us an update on the project. We would welcome any towels and/or single sheets you may have surplus to requirements as well as financial contributions. Donations of cakes to be sold at the coffee morning would also be very welcome. Look forward to seeing you! Further information: Maureen 01663 744170/Catherine 07704)323438

**EASTER SERVICES:** Sheets are now available at the back of each church for volunteers to put their names on for reading during our Easter services within the parish. Place your names on the sheet as soon as you can.

**WEDNESDAY CLUB:** The next meeting will be Wednesday 23rd April. 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:** There will be a second collection next weekend 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, authorised by the Bishops of England and Wales.