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The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parish of
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SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

		Place	Intention	
Sat 19 th July	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Jennifer Morgan (R.I.P) By Norah Hudson
Sun 20 th July	9.15 am	NM	Mass	Marie Davies (Birthday)
	11.30am	MB	Mass	Thomas Delaney (R.I.P)
Wed 23rd July	10.00am	MB	Mass	St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe (Feast)
Thursday 24 th July	10.00am	NM	Mass	Les & Betty (R.I.P) By Mary Chadwick
	10.00am	MB At school	Leavers Mass	Year 6 Children
Fri 25th July			No Mass	
Sat 26 th July	11am	NM	Adoration	
	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Jennifer Morgan (R.I.P) By R.Yuill
Sun 27 th July	9.15 am	NM	Mass	John Hindmarch (R.I.P)
	11.30am	MB	Mass	Jennifer Morgan (R.I.P) By Myra O'Connor

PLEASE PRAY for the sick: 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

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FATHER GREG We shall welcome in September Father Greg Tobin who will be taking over from Father Emmanuel as the new Parish Priest of the Churches of St Annes Buxton, Chapel le Frith, New Mills and Marple Bridge. Both Father Emmanuel and Father Greg have decided on the 8th September for Father Greg to take over. I hope all parishioners will make Father welcome.

UPDATE ON ST MARYS CHURCH, MARPLE BRIDGE: Parishioners were delighted to hear the Bishop's letter read out by Father Emmanuel at masses last weekend. Bishop McKinney writes, "I am now very pleased to announce that because two priests are being loaned from the Diocese of Kumba in Cameroon I am now able to appoint an assistant priest to work alongside Father Greg. This means that it will now be possible for Mass and the sacraments to continue to be celebrated in each of the churches of Chapel, Buxton, New Mills and Marple Bridge".

On behalf of St Mary's Church, MB we are grateful to our Bishop for keeping St Mary's Church open and for mass (masses) to continue over the weekend. Also, thank you to all the parishioners for their prayers at this difficult time and a special thank you to Peter Moore (retired Solicitor) who has worked tirelessly on our behalf. A copy of the Bishop's letter will be available at the back of both churches, on the St Mary's WhatsApp and on the Parish website. Denise Ead Chair of the Parish Council.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING was held on 10th July 2025 and there will be an update available soon. Much of the discussion took place around the changes due to take place in St Mary's Church. However, since receiving the Bishop's letter things have now changed.

A CHANCE TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH - Four sessions will be offered to bring people together to give the opportunity to discuss our faith. (3.30pm Tuesdays - 5th August, 19th August, 7th October and 21st October). In the old school room St Mary's Marple Bridge. Initially for 10 people and it will be facilitated by Alison Keaton. More information available at the back of church and a list to add your name if you would like to attend.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR POLICY The Diocese of Nottingham has an Acceptable Behaviour Policy which is available at the back of both churches for your attention.

FOODBANK Thank you to everyone who donates to the Food Bank at the back of St Mary's Church and to Gloria for her dedication in organising this and for taking the food to the Marple Food Bank.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK- CHURCHES TOGETHER MARPLE AREA Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid week appeal. The total raised was **£5821.54**. This amount includes the proceeds of the plant and cake sale on 10th May at the Methodist Church (£1033.50) plus the money collected at the Songs of Praise service at St. Mary's on 11th May (£50.73). Thank you all for your generosity.

WEDNESDAY CLUB Thank you to all who attended the Wednesday Club before the summer break. The next Wednesday club will be the **24th of September**. Please put in your diary and bring a friend.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Christmas Fair, Saturday 8th November, New Mills Parish Hall. Full preparation will start September when the summer holidays have finished, and schools are back after summer.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Christmas Lunch, 5th December 2025, Devonshire Arms. More information will be available soon from Ann and Gordon Lyon.

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: Will be next weekend the Sunday 27th for Day of Life.