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**The Catholic Community Newsletter**  
for the parish of  
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## EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

		Place		Intention
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Don Newton (Anniversary) by Eileen Newton
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.15 am	NM	Mass	David Cochrane (R.I.P) by Mary Chadwick
	11.30am	MB	Mass	Jennifer Morgan (R.I.P) By Kate Hunt
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	MB	Mass	The Transfiguration of The Lord (Feast)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> August			No Mass	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	MB	Mass	Mass for the people
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15 am	NM	Mass	Mass for the people
	11.30am	MB	Mass	Mass for the people

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

**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 8<sup>th</sup> September for Father Greg to take over. I hope all parishioners will make Father welcome.

**BISHOP'S APPOINTMENT;** The Bishop has appointed Father Benjamin Sunder MSFS as an assistant priest of the parishes of St Anne Buxton; and of St John Fisher and of St Thomas Moore Chapel-on-Le-Frith; and of St Mary Marple Bridge and The Annunciation New Mills.

**UPDATE ON ST MARYS CHURCH, 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.

**SPECIAL MESSAGE** The pupils of St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Marple Bridge were thrilled to hear Bishop Patrick's message that their parish church will remain open and that Mass will continue to be celebrated at St Mary's. Quite spontaneously, after classroom discussion, a Year 5 pupil drafted a letter, straight from the heart and unedited. Please see print out at the back of both churches.

**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 - 5<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our next Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September; this is the day that Blessed Carlo Acutis is being canonised. Come and join us in echoing the celebrations of this great event, at the Annunciation church, New Mills at 3pm; all are welcome.

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** Parish Christmas Fair, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Devonshire Arms. More information will be available soon from Ann and Gordon Lyon.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August for Peter's Pence.