

## The Catholic Community Newsletter for the parish of

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## TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

		Place		Intention
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm	МВ	Mass	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.15 am	NM	Mass	
	11.30am	МВ	Mass	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	MB	Mass	Guinan Family Intentions
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15 am	NM	Mass	
	11.30am	МВ	Mass	

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

**ST MARYS MARPLE BRIDGE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** the church will be open after the 10am mass on Wednesday and the 10am mass on Friday until 4pm.

**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 at New Mills. Please put in your diary and bring a friend.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** at St Mary's Church, Marple Bridge after the 11.30am, mass on Sunday 28th September, in the little schoolroom attached to the church. We are happy to receive donated cakes and look forward to seeing everyone.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday 4th October from 11.00am to 12 midday at New Mills; all are welcome. If you would like to read, please arrive early and speak with Fionuala or Mary.

A CHANCE TO DEEPEN OUR FAITH - Two sessions have now taken place, giving the opportunity to reflect and discuss the readings of the day. The third and four session in this series will be in the old school room at St Mary's, Marple Bridge - 3.30pm Tuesday the 7th October and Tuesday 21st October. The sessions are facilitated by Alison Keaton, in a very friendly atmosphere with tea and biscuits provided. This programme is part of the Laity Led Services which our Bishop requested. Please come and join in.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE Our own Parish Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 23rd of October. It will start from St Mary's MB Church at 8am and finish at The Annunciation NM church (approximately 4 miles) where a Children's Mass will take place at 11 am. Both primary schools will be taking part and this open invitation is to all our parish community to also take part. The route will be a mixture of road and stone paths, therefore appropriate clothing is essential. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAVID MELLOR OR JOE HENNIGAN.

**OLIVER'S DRAGONS** – is a brand new charity supporting children in Marple. It was created in memory of 11 year old Oliver Buchanan who died in 2023 from a brain tumour. His family and friends have launched the charity to help support the community that he loved so much. The charity has two aims:

- 1. To help fund leisure and recreation projects in the Marple area that support the social welfare of children and;
- 2. To provide grants to local individuals and families where a child is closely impacted by cancer.

We are delighted to announce that our very first round of grant applications is now open to any group or organisation involved in a leisure or recreation project that primarily benefits children in Marple. Grants up to £500 are available and the closing date for applications is [1 November 2025].

A copy of the criteria and an application form can be requested by emailing <a href="mailto:oliversdragons@gmail.com">oliversdragons@gmail.com</a>. We would love to come and talk to you about our plans for Oliver's Dragons and how we can support kids in our community.

**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.

**PARISH CHRSITMAS 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.

**CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH** - confirmed at Mellor Golf Club 5th December 2025. Excellent Menu and Prices for 2 and 3 course meals. Order Form, Envelopes and full details will be handed out in the next two weeks. As usual any questions to Pauline Gavin at New Mills and Ann & Gordon Lyon at Marple Bridge.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – There will be a second collection this weekend the 21st September for Evangelii Gaudium Day.