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		Place		Intention
Sat 20 th December	4.00pm	MB	Mass-Confessions from 3.30pm	
	5.00pm	CEF	Live streamed mass	Chris Meaney R.I.P
Sun 21 st December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
	9.30am	NM	Mass-Confessions from 9.00am	
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed mass-Confessions from 9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	MB	Mass – Confessions from 11.00am	
Mon 22 nd December	10.00am	BUX	Mass	Freda Rennicks R.I.P ann
Tues 23 rd December	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Wed 24 th December	4.00pm	CEF	Mass – Carol Service from 3.30pm	
	6.00pm	NM	Family Mass & Candlelight Procession- Carol service from 5.30pm	
	6.00pm	BUX	Mass – Carol Service from 5.30pm	
	8.00pm	MB	Vigil Mass – Carol Service from 7.30pm	Special Intentions Miriam Richardson & Father Frank Carvill
Thurs 25 th December	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY (SOLEMNITY)			
	9:00am	CEF	Live streamed Mass	
	9.30am	NM	Mass	Christmas Workers and Lift and Family Intentions
	11.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass	
	11.30am	MB	Mass	Mary Bradbury R.I.P
Fri 26 th December		MB	No Mass	
		BUX	No Mass	
Saturday 27 th Decemebr	4.00pm	MB	Mass – Confessions from 3.30pm	Special Intentions Cathleen Cairns
	5.00pm	CEF	Live streamed Mass	Pat & Leo Feeney R.I.P
Sun 28 th December	9.30am	NM	Mass – Confessions from 9.00am	Eileen Kearns R.I.P
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass - Confessions from 9.30am	Joan Taylor R.I.P
	11.30am	MB	Mass – Confessions from 11.00am	Special Intentions Kathy Ford

PLEASE PRAY for the sick: Marie Davies, Maria Dawson, Patricia Atkinson, Shelia Farnsworth and Mary Chadwick. To be added to this list, please contact the parish office or collect a form from the back of church.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH

FR GREG WRITES: As we go to print there is an army of people across the four Churches preparing to welcome people to Mass on Christmas eve, and Christmas day. Fr Benjamin and myself are really looking forward in hope filled anticipation to celebrating the Saviour's birth with you, your families and your communities. Joy is the hand of God on the shoulder of a troubled world. Use this time to bring people to Christ and the Catholic Church near you. Happy Christmas from us both!

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is a moment of quiet anticipation, just before the joy of Christmas bursts forth. The candles on the Advent wreath are nearly all lit, and the light has grown stronger week by week — a sign that Christ, the Light of the World, is near.

This Sunday's readings often focus on God's promise being fulfilled through humble and unexpected means. We see Mary's "yes" to God, Joseph's trust in the angel's message, or Elizabeth's joyful recognition of the Messiah even before His birth. These moments remind us that God's plan often unfolds in ways that defy human expectations, yet always with love at its core.

The reflection for this day invites us to:

- **Embrace trust** — like Mary and Joseph, even when the path ahead is uncertain.
- **Welcome Christ** — not only in the manger, but in the people and situations we encounter daily.
- **Prepare our hearts** — making space for peace, forgiveness, and generosity so that Christ may truly dwell within us.

As Christmas draws near, the Fourth Sunday of Advent whispers a gentle truth: God comes to us not in grand displays of power, but in the quiet, tender gift of His presence. Our task is to be ready to receive Him with faith and joy.

As we are now in Advent part II (it started on the 17th December) each day gives us an 'O' antiphon on which to reflect. This is the foundation of the famous Advent hymn O come O come Emmanuel. The sequence for the rest of the week is: 21 December: *O Oriens* (O Dawn of the East) 22 December: *O Rex Gentium* (O King of the Nations) 23 December: *O Emmanuel*.

Mass Times for January 6th (The Epiphany), and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Buxton 10am and 6pm.

Chapel 12 Noon.

New Mills 9.30 am

Marple Bridge (11.15am to allow the school to attend).

FOODBANK Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Food bank at the back of St Marys Church MB. The food is taken to the Pantry Food Bank at Connect Building on Queen Street (opposite Marple Cinema). The Pantry opens every Saturday morning from 10am until noon. Also a big thank you to Gloria Tomalin for arranging the collection at church.

NEWS FROM OTHER PARISHES

There is mass at St Marys Crown Catholic Church, Glossop on Friday 26th December at 10am. Also Our Lady & St Christopher's Romiley are celebrating Mass on the 26th December at 10am also.

BANK DETAILS: A number of parishioners have asked for our bank details so that they can set up standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity. Sort Code: 30-96-18 Account : 03900906 Name of account: St Mary & Annun Marple Bridge & New Mills Bank: Lloyds plc.