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**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.

### **NEWS FROM THE PARISH**

**FR GREG WRITES:** On behalf of Father Benjamin and myself, may I thank all our wonderful parishioners for a truly beautiful Christmas. The churches looked magnificent, the music was splendid, and the large numbers at Mass were a real sign of hope and joy. All the preparation truly paid off.

On a personal note, we would like to thank you all for your kindness, love, and generosity over the Christmas period. We were overwhelmed by the Christmas cards, presents, gifts, and offerings we received. We are deeply humbled and sincerely grateful for your thoughtfulness. We look forward to working with you again throughout 2026 in bringing Christ our saviour to the world, and wish you all a very Happy, hopeful and Grace filled New Year.

Father Benjamin and I are always happy to travel in order to celebrate Mass across our four churches. However, there are times when this is not possible. One such occasion is this coming week, on **New Year's Day, 1 January**, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, when there will be a 10 am Mass in Buxton and New Mills.

We kindly ask that, in order to attend Mass, you travel to the church nearest to you. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If anyone experiences travel difficulties, please contact your local church PPC or myself, and we will do our very best to assist. Thank you for your understanding.

**The Feast of the Holy Family** invites us to gaze upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a living icon of love, faith, and unity. In their home at Nazareth, we see a family rooted not in wealth or worldly power, but in trust in God's will. They faced trials—uncertainty, exile, and daily labor—yet their hearts remained steadfast in prayer, mutual respect, and self-giving love. The Holy Family reminds us that holiness in family life is not about perfection, but about presence—being there for one another, forgiving quickly, and placing God at the centre of every decision. Whether our own families are harmonious or wounded, God meets us where we are, offering grace to heal, strengthen, and guide us.

Today, we are called to:

- **Imitate their faith** by seeking God's will in our daily choices.
- **Embrace sacrificial love** that puts others before ourselves.
- **Foster peace** in our homes through patience, kindness, and prayer.

May we entrust our families to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, asking them to intercede for us so that our homes may become small Nazareths—places of love, safety, and faith.

### **Mass Times for The Epiphany (6th January) Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Buxton** 10am and 6pm.

**Chapel** 12 Noon.

**New Mills** 9.30am

**Marple Bridge** 11.15 (to enable the school to attend).

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection for Sick and Retired Priest on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.