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**The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parishes of**

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 14 th March	4.00pm	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 3.30pm	
	5.00pm	CEF	Live streamed mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 4.30pm	Jean Kadzevski R.I.P
Sun 15 th March	9.30am	NM	Mass –Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.00am	
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am.	
	11.30am	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 11.00am	
Mon 16 th March	10.00am	BUX	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
Tues 17 th March	10.00am	NM	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
	10.30am	BUX	Funeral Service Giulia Delli-Colli	
Wed 18 th March	10.00am	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing 9.30am	Kathleen McGrath R.I.P
	10.00am	CEF	Mass - Adoration, Confessions & Anointing 9.30am	
	2.00pm	NM	St Patricks Day Celebration Social	
Thurs 19 th March	10.00am	NM	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	Special Intention
	11-12	NM	Interment of Ashes Mary Chadwick	
Fri 20 th March	10.00am	BUX	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
	10.00am	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
	2.00pm	MB	St Patricks Day Celebration Social	
	6.00pm	NM	Stations of the Cross	
Sat 21 st March	4.00pm	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 3.30pm	
	5.00pm	CEF	Live streamed mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 4.30pm	
Sun 22 nd March	FIFTH WEEK OF LENT			
	9.30am	NM	Mass –Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.00am	
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	Sr Perpetua R.I.P
	11.30am	MB	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 11.00am	
	12.30pm	MB	Baptism of Nancy Bebbington	

PLEASE PRAY for the sick: Marie Davies, Maria Dawson, Patricia Atkinson. 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: Enabling Our Mission Campaign I know by now many of you will have heard about the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which our parish started around 12 months ago. With the challenges we faced locally, it was decided to pause the initiative, so that we could address these issues. During that time, the campaign has continued at pace, with over half the parishes now taking part, raising over £4 million. Bishop Patrick has recently asked me if I will now lead this across our worshipping community and I am pleased to accept this request. Next Sunday Kristen Dougherty from the campaign mission team will be speaking at the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses about this campaign, and will be available afterwards to address any questions or concerns that you may have. I ask you all to think about how you may support it, to ask questions and to pray for its success.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* means “Rejoice”, and it reminds us that even in the midst of our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and repentance, the joy of Easter is already beginning to shine through. In the Gospel this Sunday (John 9:1–41) we hear the powerful story of the man born blind whom Jesus restores to sight. At first the man sees only darkness, but after encountering Christ his eyes are opened and he gradually comes to recognise who Jesus truly is. The miracle is not only about physical sight; it is about the deeper gift of spiritual sight. While the man who was blind comes to believe, others who think they can see remain closed to the truth. This Gospel invites each of us to reflect on our own lives. During Lent we are asked to allow Christ to open our eyes: to see more clearly the ways in which God is present in our lives, to recognise our need for healing and forgiveness, and to grow in faith. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we allow the light of Christ to guide us more fully. As we move closer to Holy Week, the following services will take place across our churches:

Maundy Thursday 7:00pm – New Mills and Chapel **Good Friday** 3:00pm – Buxton and Marple Bridge
Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 7:00pm – Buxton and Marple Bridge **Easter Sunday** Chapel 9am and Buxton 11am the rest of the Masses as usual. These sacred days are the heart of the Church’s year as we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Please do make every effort to join us as we walk with Christ through these holy days and celebrate the joy of Easter together

Fr Benjamin Sunder - Congratulations to Fr Benjamin who last week was elected Provincial Bursar of the MSFS English Province during Provincial Congress. Fr Benjamin will occasionally/periodically need to be away for certain meetings and to attend to matters related to the finances of the Province. At the beginning it may require a little adjustment for him, possibly affecting our weekly Mass schedule but once he finds a good rhythm, it should settle quite smoothly.

SECOND COLLECTION NEW MILLS – EASTER FLOWERS There will be a retiring collection this Sunday 15th in aid of Easter Flowers at New Mills.

EASTER SERVICES- HELP NEEDED FOR MARPLE BRIDGE & NEW MILLS A large number of extra readers and volunteers are needed, for our Easter Services across both of our churches. A sheet is at the back of both churches for volunteers to sign. Please offer your help and sign up as soon as you can.

READERS AND WELCOMERS ROTA SATURDAY EVENING MASS – MARPLE BRIDGE The new rota will start after Easter when the mass time will revert to 6.30pm. If you would like to join the rota or make any changes please let Pauline Howell know by email at pauline@thehowells.org.uk or phone 07932 723359. Thank you.

CHURCH MEETING -NEW MILLS We will be having a short meeting after the 0930 a.m. mass at New Mills on Sunday 22nd March in the Parish hall. Everyone is invited to come and join in, where we can discuss everyone’s hopes and desires, at same time as ideas on the Diocesan 5 year plan, and our own commitment to it. Refreshments as always will be available for everyone.

SCHOOLS PILGRIM WALK Some pupils from our two parish primary schools will be meeting at St Marys church New Mills, At 9.30am on Monday 23rd March, and then walking across to St Marys Marple Bridge. Any parishioner is welcome to join us on this pleasant 4 mile/2 hour walk along back lanes and tracks. Either all or half of the way there. More info from Joe Hennigan at New Mills.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION: This will be taking place at New Mills on Saturday 28th March, starting with tea and coffee at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. The theme of this day is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; we will be exploring and reflecting on some of the saints' thoughts on Adoration, as well as the practicalities of organising a service. There will also be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am. Whilst this day fulfils the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to complete a day of renewal, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend and learn more about this beautiful sacrament. Please bring a packed lunch.