



**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** I am keen that the parish can support those who are sick and housebound. Do let me know if there is somebody who would value the support of the Church. This would apply whether he/she is at home, in a care setting, or in hospital. What I am able to do will depend on restrictions, but I can offer whatever help I can.

It is important to note that the Church's care is not just for when death is very near. Of course this is a significant time for a priest to visit. But do remember that there are not many of us around nowadays. This is why it is good to notify the church when someone is sick or housebound, so that ongoing support can be provided.

**WAYS TO DONATE** The Diocese has set up a system of online donations, whereby payments can be made to various funds, including individual parishes. Go to <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/> and click on the relevant link at the top of the page. If you are interested in setting up a standing order, contact Jim Howell on 07775602258 or email [jim@bleakhouse.org.uk](mailto:jim@bleakhouse.org.uk) and he will be happy to supply this information.

**We have a volunteer to attend to the New Mills dustbins. Many thanks. However if there are people who would be willing to offer 'backup', please let me know.**

**November** is the traditional month of prayer for the dead. There will not be a 'November dead list' but do feel free to request Masses for particular intentions. If anybody would like names added to the list of remembrance, please pass these on to me by the 16<sup>th</sup> November. I will then put the names together and place a copy in both New Mills and Marple Bridge for the remainder of the month.

**Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot.** Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

**WE PRAY FOR** Betty Ledwich who has recently died. Let us pray also for her family and friends at this difficult time.

**The Directors of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust** are seeking to appoint a new headteacher at Holy Cross Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester, (salary scale L15-21). For an application pack please call the Trust's HR department on 0116 296 8164 or email [pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org](mailto:pcooper@aquinas-cmat.org). To arrange a school visit please contact Elizabeth Routledge (school office) on 0116 283 3135 or email [eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:eroutledge@holy-cross.leicester.sch.uk)  
CLOSING DATE: Monday 23 November 2020

**CAFOD Christmas cards** Although we are unable to hold Traidcraft sales in church at the moment, it is possible to order CAFOD Christmas cards via Pauline Howell. If you go to [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) you will find a range of Christmas cards available to order. To avoid paying postage, please contact Pauline either by email at [pauline@bleakhouse.org.uk](mailto:pauline@bleakhouse.org.uk) or by phone 0161 449 0667 to place an order. Payment and delivery can be arranged once the order has arrived. Thank you!

**Thanks** to Mark and Helen Whelan for running the 'mass booking service' at New Mills since we opened up several months ago. Mark is returning to work, and has relinquished the task which has been taken up by Pauline Gavin.

**Stewards** More stewards are needed at New Mills. We are grateful for all the work put in by our voluntary stewards. As time moves along it would be good if a few more people would come forward to offer to help, thereby relieving the pressure on our current stewards. Please speak to Joe Hennigan or Pat Atkinson who will be able to tell more!

On Wednesday we celebrate St Charles Borromeo. We pray for the people of Hadfield parish.

**A request for information.** There was a telephone call recently from somebody wishing to contact **Nuala Kenyon**. If Nuala is reading this, or if anyone has information, please do let me know.

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