



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of  
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## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Catherine Hodnett R.I.P. Ellen Storey R.I.P.
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> February			No Mass	
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.00pm		No Mass	Stations of the Cross (both churches)
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> February		MB	No Mass	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick: David Cochrane, Dorothy Graham, Mary Bradbury, Joan Bindley. To be added to this list, please contact the parish office or collect a form from the back of church.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY** will take place next weekend (25<sup>th</sup> February). Please take an envelope from the back of church for your donation to CAFOD.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Fridays during Lent at 7.00pm at both churches; if you would like to lead this, please sign up on the list at the back of the churches.

**EASTER CARDS** will be available in both of our churches from week ending Saturday 3rd March and Sunday 4th March. This gives time for people to choose cards and post if necessary. **Small Cards are 28p each. Large Cards are 70p each.** (Pauline and Ann).

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is organised this year by the Christian women of Palestine. There will be a service at Marple Methodist church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm.

**PARISH BINGO:** In order to gauge the popularity of resurrecting the Wednesday bingo sessions at New Mills I am proposing to run the following 2 sessions at the parish hall: **the second one will be on Wed 13th March, 2 pm till 4 pm;** please bring your favourite dobber; contact David Mellor for more information

**BISHOP PATRICK WRITES:** "Intercare has ambitious plans for 2024. They aim to support a hospital and ten health centres in northern Malawi, four hospitals in Sierra Leone and thirty eight partner health units in Tanzania. Alongside this, their work strengthens the commitment of Christians who are able to give of their charity to sisters and brothers whom they haven't met, but who benefit so richly from this aid. During this season of Lent, when we are called upon to consider the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I very much commend to you support of Intercare. Please give what you can; I have seen for myself that it will make a difference." As a Parish, this will be our Lenten charity and donations from our Parish will be sent to support it.

**ST PHILIP'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found on the following websites: GreaterJobs: <https://www.greater.jobs> and TES: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/>

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGES** have an escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES:** On Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at Marple Bridge at 8.00pm. On Good Friday, there will be Stations of the Cross at New Mills at 2.00pm, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm (also at New Mills). The Easter Vigil will be held at New Mills at 8.00pm; on Easter Sunday, there will be Mass at New Mills at 9.30am and 11.30am at Marple Bridge.

**SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE:** As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
- E-mail: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)
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