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The Catholic Community Newsletter
for the parish of
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SECOND WEEK OF LENT

		Place		Intention
Sat 24 th February		MB	No Mass	Fr E not available
Sun 25 th February	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	Mass Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (well-being)
Weds 28 th February	10.00am	MB	Mass	
Thurs 29 th February	10.00am	NM	Mass	
Friday 1 st March	10.00am 7.00pm	MB	Mass	Stations of the Cross (both churches)
Sat 2 nd March	6.30pm	MB	Mass	
Sun 3 rd March	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 second collection takes place this weekend; envelopes are at the back of both churches if anyone did not take one last week.

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 1st 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 Wednesday 13th March, 2 pm till 4 pm;** please bring your favourite dobber. Contact David Mellor.

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.

DIOCESAN RETREATS: There will be a young adults Lenten retreat on Saturday 2nd March from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Holy Cross church in Leicester, the theme is the year of prayer and Brendan Thompson will give this retreat. There is also a women's retreat on Saturday 9th March at The Holy Trinity Parish, Newark from 10.00am to 3.00pm, Sister Dorothy Paul and Alison Riggott will give this retreat. A retreat for men will take place on Saturday 23rd March at Mount Saint Bernard abbey, Coalville, given by the monks from the abbey. If you attend any of these retreats you will need to bring a packed lunch. Contact Joe Hopkins for more information on any of these retreats: joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 0115 953 9806

ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANT: Please note that Deborah Laugesen has resigned from this role; we thank her for her work in preparing and cleaning the priests' flat and welcoming visitors to our Parish.

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

READERS ARE REQUESTED for services during Holy Week; if you can volunteer for it would be very helpful. A notice is on display at both churches with the individual church's requirements. Please put your name in the relevant spaces and/or contact Pauline Howell (MB) or Joe Hennigan (NM).

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE: 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. Our programme operates with the Caritas Social Action Network. 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>
- Facebook: facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine
- E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- YouTube: youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine