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NEWS FROM THE PARISH

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your Masses and Prayers David Carter, Fr Paul Entwistle (Diocesan Priest) and Patricia Reynolds (Mother of Nick Reynolds NM).

FR GREG WRITES: On this First Sunday of Lent, we hear in the Gospel how Jesus is led into the desert to be tempted (Matthew 4:1–11). In the wilderness, Jesus faces hunger, doubt, and the temptation to choose an easier path. He resists each one by trusting in God's word and remaining faithful to his mission. Lent invites us into our own desert experience — a time of prayer, self-discipline, and renewed trust in God — so that we may grow stronger in faith and more attentive to the needs of others. This Friday is **CAFOD Family Fast Day**, an opportunity to stand in solidarity with those who face hunger and hardship every day. Next weekend there will be a **second collection for CAFOD**, supporting their vital work with some of the poorest communities in the world. Through prayer, fasting, and generosity, we are reminded that Lent is always outward-looking. As we journey through Lent, we are also mindful of **Bishop Patrick's Five-Year Diocesan Mission Plan**, "*Go, make disciples of all nations.*" Lent is a privileged time to renew our commitment to this call — deepening our own relationship with Christ and finding simple, practical ways to share faith, hope, and love with others. The **new Diocesan Year Book** is now available at the back of the church. £6. Please do take a copy.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Everyone is warmly invited to our St Patrick's Day gatherings — a chance to celebrate together in joy and friendship:

Chapel: Friday 13 March, 7.00pm

Buxton: Saturday 14 March, 7.00pm

New Mills: Wednesday 18 March, 2.00pm

Marple Bridge: Friday 20th March, 2.00pm

Please bring your **own instruments** (beginners very welcome), along with **drinks and nibbles**, and join us for an enjoyable time together. May this Lent be a season of grace, generosity, and renewed discipleship for us all.

KNEELERS AT NEW MILLS - Parishioners at New Mills will notice that the kneelers have been removed for refurbishing. Well it is Lent! Thanks to Nick for project managing this improvement to the fabric of our Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -Marple Bridge - On Wednesday 25th February after the 10.00am mass there will be Stations of the Cross. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to lead a service.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – New Mills – On Thursday 26th February after the 10.00am mass there will be Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our next hour of Adoration at New Mills will be on Saturday 28th February at 11.00am; the theme of our prayer will be Lent; all are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March at 2pm. St Martin's Church on Brabyns Brow. If you would like to go and need a lift, please contact Kate Hunt on 07790102011.

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 Sunday 1st March for CAFOD Family Fast Day.