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

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**THIRD WEEK OF LENT**

		Place		Intention
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm	<b>MB</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 3.30pm	
	5.00pm	CEF	Live streamed mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 4.30pm	Jeremy Kadzevski R.I.P
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am	<b>NM</b>	Mass –Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.00am	
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am.	Josie Wheatley Birthday Intentions
	11.30am	<b>MB</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 11.00am	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	BUX	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	<b>NM</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing 9.30am	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	<b>MB</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing 9.30am	
	10.00am	CEF	Mass - Adoration, Confessions & Anointing 9.30am	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	<b>NM</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	BUX	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
	10.00am	<b>MB</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
	1.00pm	BUX	Funeral Service for Paul Lehane	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00pm	<b>MB</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FOURTH WEEK OF LENT</b>			
	9.30am	<b>NM</b>	Mass –Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.00am	
	10.00am	BUX	Live streamed Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 9.30am	
	11.30am	<b>MB</b>	Mass – Adoration, Confessions & Anointing from 11.00am	

## **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 Patricia Reynolds (Mother of Nick Reynolds NM) and Paul Lehane (Margaret Swift's Brother-in-law).

**FR GREG WRITES:** Please continue to pray for the Diocesan 5 year plan 'Go make Disciples.....' The starting point for everything we might wish to see happening across our diocese is our own personal encounter with Christ Jesus in prayer, and our openness to be guided by the Holy Spirit in the daily living out of our faith. As the late Pope Francis reminded us, "without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty. Jesus wants each of us to be people who bear witness to His good news, not only with words but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence." (Evangeli Gaudium, 259). (P9) This Sunday we hear the beautiful and deeply human story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Tired from his journey, Jesus asks her for a drink. What begins as a simple request becomes a life-changing encounter.

Lent invites each of us to come to the well — to recognise our thirst for God and to allow Christ to meet us there. The woman arrives carrying her water jar; she leaves it behind after encountering Jesus. She discovers that he knows her fully and loves her still. In that moment of honesty and grace, shame turns into mission. She runs back to her town saying, "*Come and see.*"

This Gospel reminds us that:

- Jesus meets us in our ordinary, daily lives.
- He is not afraid of our past or our brokenness.
- True worship is "in Spirit and in truth" — with open hearts.
- An encounter with Christ naturally leads us to share the Good News.

### **A Time of Grace in Lent.**

To help us experience that same encounter, there is always **the opportunity for Confessions and for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick before each Mass**. Lent is a privileged time for healing — spiritually and physically. Reconciliation is our chance to lay down the "water jars" we carry: sin, regret, resentment, fear. The Anointing offers Christ's strengthening presence in illness, frailty, or anxiety about health. Please make use of these graces. **Stations of the Cross**. Lent we are also encouraged to pray the **Stations of the Cross**, either: **Communally** at the scheduled parish time, or **Individually** as a personal devotion.

Walking with Christ on the road to Calvary deepens our awareness of the cost of love and prepares us for the joy of Easter. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we not be afraid to pause at the well, to speak honestly with the Lord, and to let him quench our deepest thirst. "*Lord, give me this water.*"

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** There will be Anointing of the sick before every mass upon request.

**SECOND COLLECTION MARPLE BRIDGE – EASTER FLOWERS** There will be a second collection at Marple Bridge this weekend to help with the buy of Easter flowers.

**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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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:** At New Mills, Saturday 28th March, starting with tea and coffee at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. There will also be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am. Please bring a packed lunch.

**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.