

Fr John writes: *Luke 49 28-36. There are powerful images and themes in this well known passage. Invitation is at the heart of it. Jesus asks Peter, James and John to go with him. Climbing too - leaving ground level to reach for something higher. Mountain - strength and ready to carry all who put their weight there. Prayer and the change it brings. There is something of past meeting present and pointing to the future. Confusion and reassurance are found here too. Finally there's a journey back to ground level but a realisation that things will never be the same again. It is about a pilgrimage with purpose and transforming liturgy. When we see something like this our lives and attitudes cannot remain unchanged.*

Special Collection

The Special Collection taken up at all masses this weekend is for your Family Fast Day envelopes.

Deanery Station Masses

Our first traditional Station Mass will take place on

Thursday 11th March St. John Fisher, Chapel en le Frith beginning with Exposition and confessions at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm.

The second Station Mass will take place on **Thursday 25th March** at All Saints, Glossop with Exposition and confessions at 7pm and Mass at 7.30pm.

The collection taken up before these masses will be for various Diocesan charities. The period for fulfilling Easter duties is from Ash Wednesday until Trinity Sunday.

CaFE Lenten Course

Our Lenten CaFE course, 'LIFE TO THE FULL', continues at 7-45 p.m. on Tuesday in New Mills Parish Hall, with 'Pizza's and Prayer' for our third session '*PASSION FOR JESUS*'. Our Lenten journey continues for the next three Tuesdays, between 7-45 p.m. and 9-30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to one, or all of the sessions, which all have short filmed inputs from speakers, and brief discussion times, to help us all in bringing the 'BIBLE ALIVE'... Refreshments and drinks will be served each week.

Sick and Housebound

I will be visiting the sick and housebound of the parish on Friday 5th March.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr Kevin Gradwell

After studying and preparing for the last few years Kevin Gradwell has now reached the day of his ordination. Kevin will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday next 6th March at 11am at St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. I am delighted for him and know he will be a great asset to our parish and Deanery as a Deacon. As part of our parish preparation to receive Kevin as a Deacon, I wish to hold a Holy Hour: an hour of prayer and reflection for Kevin on Wednesday evening from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Church, Marple Bridge. May I invite you, the parishioners, to make a special effort to attend this Holy Hour in support of Kevin and to pray also for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I do hope we can have a great turnout on the evening. As Parish Priest, I will be taking Kevin to St. Barnabas Cathedral on Saturday - therefore please note

there will be **no** Saturday morning mass at New Mills. The Saturday evening mass **will** take place as normal.

School Mass

Please note that I will be celebrating a School mass at St. Mary's School, Glossop next Thursday 4th March at 9.30am. Therefore the morning mass at New Mills will not take place. However a "Service of Word and Sacrament" will take place at 10am followed by the Stations of the Cross.

St. Patrick's Dance

Tickets will be on sale price £2 each this weekend for the St. Patrick's Dance to be held in the Parish Hall, New Mills on Friday 12th March at 7.30pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer Marple

This year's service "Let Everything that has Breath Praise God" takes place this Friday 5th March at 2.00pm in the Ridge Methodist Church, Marple and at 7.30pm at Holy Spirit Church, Marple. All welcome, men, women and young people.

Women's World Day of Prayer New Mills

This year the service will take place at our church, St. Mary's, at 2.30pm this Friday 5th March. Please see notice in the porch for further details.

Churches Together in New Mills Lent house groups

The next Lent Group sessions take place on Wednesday 3 March at St. George's Vicarage, 10 March at 28 St George's Road; 17 March at Lily Bank Spring Bank; 24 March at 44 Mellor Road. It would be lovely to see you! Please ask me for further details. Brenda Mastin

Taize Prayer

There will be a Taize prayer evening at St. Mary's Church, Marple Bridge on Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Traidcraft sales

The usual sales will take place next weekend 6/7th March after all masses.

2010 Nottingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year's pilgrimage will take place from 19-24th July. For further information, please contact the Pilgrimage Director, Fr. Gregory Tobin Tel 07540 239319 or email admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk or Tangney Tours on 01732 886666

Romero Film

To mark the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the film "Romero" will be shown in the Parish Hall, New Mills, on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Last week's collections

Marple Bridge: Envelopes £269.10 Loose £84.43
New Mills: Envelopes £163.00 Loose £38.40

Thank you!

Pray for the Sick and Housebound

Remember all those in our parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Chris Kirrane, Arthur Mertz, George Cairns, Eileen Middleton, Neville Middleton, Marion Howard, Monica Norton, Dorothy Graham, Betty Ledwich, Nigel Barron, Eileen Grace, Margaret Mary Jackson, Katherine Cowan, Richard Greiner, Celia Crean, Mary Heaton, Joan Hines, Matt Jennings, Ellen Miller, Therese Coop, George Heeds, Joan Whitley, Gerry Pickens, Eric Howard, George Jackson, Beverley Burke, Susan Gradwell

Rest in Peace

Anniversaries

Caroline Kendrick, Margaret Norris, Elizabeth Hanlon, Agnes Weatherley, Mary Brown, Jacobus Kumpfner, Alexander Wicjak

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen