

# St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



## NEWSLETTER

LENT 2 2025

### Easter Reflection from Dan

#### He is Risen

As we enter Eastertide, which is 50 days so longer than Lent, we have the chance to celebrate after 40 days of hardship and trials. As Catholics we remember that we are Easter people, we love to celebrate the Risen Lord as this is the cornerstone of our faith. Jesus who died on the Cross for us on Good Friday conquered death and rose again to lead us on the path to his Kingdom in Heaven. We use this time to celebrate but also to pray that we can use the example of the first disciples and go out to proclaim the Good News.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and Holy Easter and a very joyful Eastertide. "Alleluia! Christ is Risen for us!"



### What's In This Terms Issue?

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### Mini Vinnies



The Mini Vinnies have been continue to work on their project trying to support those that are hopeless at the moment. They wanted to support the Hopeless in our Jubilee year of Hope to try and spread the Hope of Christ with those in need. They decided that they would like to send postcards of hope to people in hospital and local care homes. They have been working hard to create these postcards and will be sending them next half term.

# HOPE

Year 5 had an amazing retreat experience at The Briars during this half term. They learnt how to be agents of Love through being part of the *Secret Agent Training Programme*, I am pleased to announce that all the children graduated at the end of the three days. We were blessed to share the experience and make new friends with children from St Annes, Buxton. Here is what the children had to say about the experience:

The Walk was my favourite because it gave us a chance to be active  
*Isaac*

I would recommend the Briars as it was a very good way to build friendships and responsibility.  
*Jacob*

My favourite part was the Saints Dobble, because we had to see what the saints looked like.  
*Frankie*

I enjoyed the walk best because it was time to feel free.  
*Layla*

I really enjoyed finding out what my secret agent name was.  
*Harvey*

I enjoyed acting in the show because I like performing.  
*Patrick*

My favourite activity was making drama about Saints, it was really fun and I loved it.  
*Finley*

My favourite part was the drama because we got to perform in front of people, it was scary but fun.  
*Roxanne*

My favourite activity was the learning about the life of a saint because I loved how we did it in different kinds of themes.  
*Henry*

I loved it, now I am back at school I want to go back to the Briars.  
*Ronan*

It was actually amazing best school trip ever!  
*Zach*

I had a great time!  
*Tianna*



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## Year 5 Briars Retreat

Briars



"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!" St. Francis of Assisi





## Stations of the Cross Year 6

Year 6 have been working on the Stations of the Cross this half term, looking at Jesus' journey to the Cross. They have created a video of freeze frames depicting the emotions of those around Jesus and the pain and suffering Jesus went through for us. This video will be available on the school website shortly.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The children on the First Holy Communion program have been working hard to prepare themselves to receive Jesus into their hearts at First Holy Communion. Part of these preparations was to have their First Reconciliation. They made their First Reconciliation at St Mary's Marple Bridge on the 20th March.



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## YEAR 5 FAITH IN ACTION

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard this half term and are all well on the way to achieving their Pin Faith in Action Award, we have new groups that have been set up by the children for children including; KB Comics (Bible Comics Club), Art club (colouring stories from the Bible), Eco Club, Maths club and children planning and delivering Celebrations of the Word. All the children also had chance to meet one of the assessors whilst on retreat at the Briars, Elise was very impressed.



## FAMILY MASS

On Sunday 16th March we had a beautiful family Mass at St Mary's Church New Mills, it was lovely to see so many family join us during this season of Lent.



## CLASS 1 ST PATRICK

Class 1 had a lovely day on Monday 17th March celebrating the feast day of St Patrick. Class one try on traditional Irish dancing dresses and design shamrocks on Saint Patrick's day.



"As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' " *St Teresa of Calcutta*







## CLASS 2 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Class 2 have spent some time in quiet prayer reflecting on the Stations of the Cross whilst journeying around the school visiting each station.



## HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

We ended our term with a Holy Week Mission Day on the Thursday before we broke up. This was an opportunity for each class to look at a particular event of Holy week that they then acted out in our Holy Week Celebration of the Word to end our day.

Class 1- Palm Sunday

Class 2- The Last Supper and washing of the feet

Class 3- The Garden of Gethsemane

Class 4- Peter's denial

This was a very beautiful and prayerful experience for all the children, families and parishioners that joined us.

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." *St Pope John Paul II*







## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

- Palm Sunday April 12th/13th: Mass at MB 16:00 12th and midday 13th. Mass at NM Sunday 13th 09:30
- Maundy Thursday April 17th, Mass of the Lord's Supper at MB at 20.00 On
- Good Friday April 18th, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at NM at 15.00pm
- Easter Vigil April 19th at NM at 20.00pm;
- Easter Sunday April 20th mass 11.30am MB.



## Easter and Holy Week Liturgies from home

If you are looking for a way to spend some time in prayer with your family this Eastertide. The Mark Ten Mission produce some lovely resources and prayers for you to follow at home. The website is, <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

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Wishing you a happy and Holy Easter from all of us at St Mary's!

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