

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

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6TH MARCH 2022

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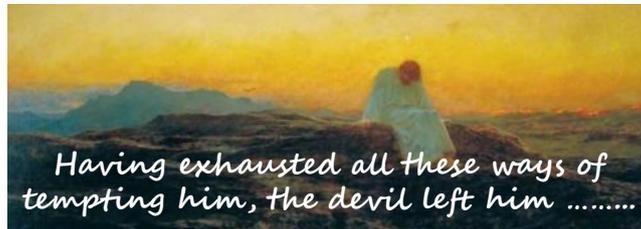
FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WEEKEND'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

It's human to want to point fingers and blame other people for the problems in our world but we need to start by looking at ourselves. Because many of the ills start with ourselves. Let us start pointing at ourselves a bit more. Temptations play on short term benefits and pleasures but often have long term consequences. We need true insight so we can see the world and see ourselves and all the ways we renege of our responsibilities and avoid the truth about ourselves. We even blame Satan but we have to remember he only tests us, it is we who have to give in ourselves; he does not do it for us. We have a clear choice: to stand up for God's ways or choose our own way of sin.

Lent is a desert time when we strip ourselves bare of all the

props in life to see where we are in relation to God. The Lenten disciplines are to help us be purified and become stronger against sin. It's a lonely place where we can peacefully and orderly look at ourselves and through fasting, prayer and giving we can be moulded by God to make the necessary changes we need in our life. This should help us become a better person, more dependent on God and much stronger in our resistance to temptation to sin through the rest of the year. We should also become better prepared to fully participate in the Easter Liturgy and renew our baptismal promises, which includes rejecting Satan

three times. If we have had a fruitful Lent, these won't be just empty words but a statement of intent backed up by actions.



Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, you our source of peace and reconciliation, who said so often 'Peace be with you', grant us peace

Make all people witnesses of truth, justice and love. Banish from their hearts whatever endangers peace

Enlighten all rulers that they may bring and sustain the great gift of peace. May all peoples become brothers and sisters in your spirit. May the longed-for peace blossom forth and reign over us. Amen

Ukraine Appeal

Both Caritas and CAFOD are involved in the major appeal for monetary donations, so there are choices on how to do it if you wish to help.

CAFOD is part of the Disaster Emergency Committee so their address will take you there: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

Caritas as you to donate through their international section, to protect funds, and to help in a wider range of refugee problems.. If you wish to simply donate, go to [caritas.org](https://www.caritas.org).

Please also look at the CAFOD item inside for further help for people in need.

Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.

Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Michael Horrocks, David Rambadt, Maureen Tattersall, Kathleen Lord, Margaret Shaw, Nasreen Sultana



Other intentions: Mohamed's Intentions, The Horrocks family,

Anniversaries: Anne Canning, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Anne Melvin, Catherine Mary Hoyle, Thomas Welane, John Lyons, Norah Lister, Walter Lister, Edward Stewart, Teresa Carter, Peter Coyne, Peggy Conlon, Agnes Fletcher

ROSE DUFFIELD

Helen and Pat would like to thank the parishioners of Good Samaritan Parish for the many cards, prayers and CAFOD donations received in memory of their mum, Rose. A special thank you to Father David and Father Emmanuel for their ministry and the beautiful funeral service. A Mass will be offered in thanksgiving. Helen and Pat.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is now to be celebrated by each Deanery throughout the Diocese of Salford. Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley on Thursday 16th June. Young people living in the parish, who are in school year 8 or 9 and who have been through the parish Sacramental Programme are now eligible to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested please contact Fr David who will give you further details and an Application/ Consent Form.



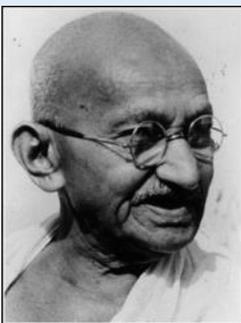
COVID GUIDANCE IN CHURCH

In accordance with Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales we have very recently introduced some relaxations to Covid regulations in the parish:

- ~ **We continue to request that adults continue to wear face coverings** and sanitize their hands before entering church.
- ~ Hymn books and communal singing has been reintroduced.
- ~ Holy Communion can again be received in the hand or in the mouth.
- ~ Holy Water stoups have been refilled
- ~ Our stewards will continue to welcome us and cleanse the church.
- ~ The Distribution of Holy Communion will revert to how it was pre-Pandemic (i.e. processing, starting from the front rows and unsupervised by the stewards)
- ~ Please say Amen when receiving Holy Communion.

Please continue to take care, as the virus, though it seems to be less virulent, is still prevalent.

Thoughts on Peace in a War-Torn World

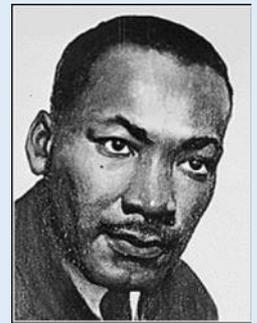


Conquer the heart of your enemy with truth and love, not by violence.

Mahatma Gandhi

Now, there is a final reason that Jesus says 'Love your enemies'. It is this: that love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power that eventually transforms individuals.

Martin Luther King



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

You can make your contributions to the parish online by Standing Order; Please contact your bank and inform them that payment should now be made as follows:

Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish.

Sort Code: 205558

Account number: 50404640

Thank you.



CAFOD News and Call for Actions

Support Refugees

Our bishop, Rt Rev John Arnold, Chair of Trustees at CAFOD, along with more than 1000 faith leaders from across the UK, have written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson, urging him to reconsider the Nationality and Borders Bill. CAFOD is now asking us to back this up by urging the government to push for peace in Ukraine and safety for refugees. We can do this by **sending a pre-written email to the Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary; it is very simple, just follow the link to get involved:**

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/100468/action/1>

Lent Family Fast Day

This Fast Day, Friday 11th March, we remember the many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Lent>

Stand with Human Rights Defenders

CAFOD's latest campaign is urging the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harm. If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty, we must address the destruction linked to the UK. **Please send the pre-written letter the local MP. Just follow the link:** <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Human-rights>

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD has raised over £1 million for the crisis in Afghanistan. Many thanks for those who have donated to this appeal. The current situation is still dire, over half the country's population – around 22.8 million people – are facing acute hunger this winter. If you are able, please consider donating to the appeal: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Afghanistan-crisis>

Pope Francis thoughts on Lent

The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians, through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.



"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2 Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1 Jn 4:19)."

FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



Sadly the need for the Foodbank is likely to grow, so the appeal has to continue. There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £11.500 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£125.00** being donated during December. **Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

A Christian Response To Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



*Stay with us Lord
on our
journey*



CHURCH STEWARDS: Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church during the pandemic. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.



UPDATE ON ST MARY'S CHURCH—A PROGRAMME FOR THE WORK



At last we have some good news regarding the work on St Mary's church roof. I am sorry that we have not had any news to share until now but thank you for your patience and understanding. The Diocese has now approved all the plans and appointed a contractor called Maysands to do repairs on the exterior and interior of St Mary's church roof. The contractors will start work on the roof on Monday 7th March and are scheduled to finish on 22nd April, We pray for their success.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES 7TH TO 13TH MARCH 2022

As we get into our Lenten journey, we have additional services and Masses to help us to better observe Lent. They are marked in **bold** below, with details of the Lenten Station Masses lower on the page.

Monday	<i>Ss Perpetua and Agatha</i> 9.30am St John's	7.00pm Christ the King
Tuesday	<i>St John of God</i> 9.30 Christ the King 12.15pm Funeral Mass for Maureen Tattersall RIP at St John's	
Wednesday	<i>St Frances of Rome</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 6.30am Christ the King Early Lenten Mass	9.30am St John's
Saturday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's	6.30pm Christ the King
Sunday	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> Christ the King: 9.15am and 5.00pm St John's: 9.30am* and 11.00am (9.30am* Mass will be live-streamed)	

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass. (Except Friday 6.30m Mass in Lent)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays as follows:
10.30—11.30am at Christ the King (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
5.15pm—5.55pm at St John's (No Exposition)

LENT IN THE PARISH

The Parish will have two additional weekly services to help us focus on our journey through Lent

Friday Early Morning Masses



To enable those who work to get to Mass during Lent, we will be offering Mass on the six Fridays of Lent at Christ the King church at 6.30am. The next of these will be celebrated this Friday March 11th.

Stations of the Cross

These will be held on Fridays of Lent at 7pm as follows:



11th March Christ the King
18th March St John's
25th March at Christ the King
1st April at St John's
8th April at Christ the King

LENTEN STATION MASSES IN ST JOHN VIANNY DEANERY

Station Masses for Lent within our Deanery will be celebrated as follows:

Thurs 24th March ~ St John's, Burnley. Thurs 31st March ~ St Mary's, Clayton Le Moors.
Thurs 7th April ~ St Anselm's, Whitworth. All the Masses will start at 7.00pm

The homily at all three Masses will be given by Fr Ian Kelly.

Fr David is, of course the Dean and will welcome all your support. We are planning to put on a coach from the parish to the Mass at Whitworth as it is a little bit further away for us.

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