

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

- ◆ Christ the King
- ◆ St Mary of the Assumption
- ◆ St John the Baptist Burnley

NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

19TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A



GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS, PAST AND PRESENT, ON MOTHERS DAY

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's first reading, Samuel is sent to Bethlehem to anoint a king for the Lord among the sons of Jesse.

They all looked to be fine young men according to Samuel, but God tells Samuel the one he has chosen is not among these. It turns out that the one God had chosen was the one they had almost forgotten, the boy David, who was out in the fields minding sheep. David was God's chosen king, so that the one who was "out of sight" was called to come in to be presented and he was duly anointed. God tells Samuel that humans look at the external appearance but God looks right into the heart. We are being called to see as God sees not as humans see, we are to look for what is within a person not just what is on the outside.

In today's Gospel, John uses the idea of seeing the Light to call us to grow in our understanding of what it is to be a true Christian. Jesus is the Light of the World but it takes the eyes of faith to be able to see clearly that He really is the Son of God. That is surely also seeing as God sees: seeing through the eyes of faith and seeing beyond what is presented before us. The Pharisees were blind to who Jesus



was, because they did not have faith in Him and they could not see beyond the blind man being a sinner because that's why they believed he was born

blind in the first place. Furthermore, because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath day, they also believed that Jesus too, was a sinner for breaking the laws of the Sabbath. Nevertheless, the man born blind gradually comes to have firm faith in Christ after He has transformed the man's life by giving him his sight and also revealed to the man who He really is. As Christians, we all have the goodness of God inside of us: it is like an internal light: but this light can sometimes be obscured from others through prejudice, and "spiritual blindness". Also, because we are sinful ourselves we can't see inside a person's heart or see that inner goodness that is within and instead we judge off what is superficial. In the coming week let us look out for the presence of the Lord Jesus in the occurrences, encounters and events of our lives. May he remove our spiritual blindness that prevents us from seeing as God sees. May we have our eyes wide open so that we do not miss any opportunities to grow in faith.

OUR NEW PRIESTS IN THE PARISH—READY TO GO!

We are delighted to announce that Fr Job and Fr Benjamin have now received the appropriate clearance to enable them to begin their public ministry within the Diocese They will be assisting Fr David in serving all three churches of the parish. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

OBLATES OF ST JOSEPH

We are very grateful to Fr Peter OSJ who has been helping us out in the parish over the last two months. We are very grateful for the passion and joy that he has brought to us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Brennan,

Anniversaries: Edward Stewart, Clare Fitzpatrick, John Entwistle, Winnie Igoe, Jack and Rose Owen.



In Memoriam: Terry Opacic, Maureen Whitehead,

Mother's Day Intention: Ernest and Winifred McKnight

Birthday memoriam: Tom Edmondson

Lately Dead: Gloria Ezeokoli, Patricia Green, Anne Heseldon, Louise Slattery, Michael Payne, Peter Wadge, Tom Tallon, Margaret Rutherford, Betty Philips, Mary Chambers, Sr Margaret Ryan, Sr Margaret Mary Galligan, Peggy Purcell, Wilf Moorehead, Claire Halstead.

Other Intentions: Ann O'Brien, a sick person.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

EARLY MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST IN LENT

During the Fridays of Lent, there will be an extra Mass at St Mary's at 6.30am followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

ST JOHN VIANNEY DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES

These Masses involve the priests and people of Deanery coming together at different churches throughout Lent. The guest preacher at these Masses this year is Fr Bryan Cunningham who is a member of the Schoenstatt Institute based in our Diocese. The final Mass this year will be at 7.00pm on 23rd March at Christ Church, Nelson. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.15pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be celebrating a Service of Stations of the Cross in a different church in the parish at some point during each week of Lent.

Friday 24th March at 6pm at St John's

Tuesday 28th March at 6pm at St Mary's

Good Friday 7th April at 10.30am at Christ the King (**Family** Stations of the Cross)

All are welcome

CAFOD LENTEN PRAYERS

Every day Cafod have prepared prayers and reflections to support our journey through Lent. Go to: cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Stay with us Lord on our Journey



Daily Prayer for Peace in Ukraine: It is clear that the need for peace in the world is great, and little sign that it will happen through worldly means. A parishioner has suggested that say the 'Our' Father at 9.00pm every evening. until the war ends. Please join in!

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you, or someone you know cannot get to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please ask their permission, then talk with Fr David to arrange things.



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

There will be an escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, starting Monday 26th June 2023. Costing £699.00 per person sharing (Single supplement £150.00). Price includes flights, all transfers and 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions are also included, with day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

EASTER TRIDUUM IN THE PARISH

Like last year we would like to celebrate the Easter Triduum in one church as one parish. These services will therefore be celebrated by all three priests to encourage that idea of unity. This year the three services will be celebrated at St Mary's church as follows;

Maundy Thursday 6th April ~ 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, with watching until 11pm.

Good Friday 7th April ~ 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8th April ~ 7.30pm Easter Vigil (Mass)

We do hope that like last year, there will be a good representation from across the three churches in the parish.

ST. JOHN'S T-DANCE — IT'S BACK THIS WEEK


The dance will be THIS Wednesday 22nd March in the Parish Rooms at St. John's. All are welcome.

VISIT TO THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

The parish visit to the replica of the Turin Shroud was "thought provoking" "inspirational" "emotional" - these are a few comments of the over thirty people, plus several with us in spirit, that visited Stoneyhurst College last Sunday. There are photos and some information on the parish website. The support given to each other across the parish was a real sign of our growing and flourishing!!

"I believe people pray through the witness of their lives, through the work they do, the friendships they have, the love they offer people and receive from people." Dorothy Day

KSC CONCERT WITH FR DAVID AND FRIENDS

 This will be an evening of Light-Hearted Music and Song with Fr David and Friends providing the music. It will also feature the KSC Grand National Draw which is a national annual event. The Supreme Knight will attend, which is a special privilege for local Knights, and oversee the Draw. All Proceeds will go to CAFOD. The concert will be on Tuesday 11th April 2023 from 7.30pm at the KSC 110 Club, Yorkshire St, Burnley. Tickets £5.00 (including pie and peas supper) from Trevor—07526 014 568. A good evening of fun and excitement!

KSC Weekly Quiz There is Quiz every Monday starting at 8.30pm in the KSC 110 Club. Come and join the fun—come as a team or join a team when you arrive.

CAFOD NEWS

CAFOD's Earthquake Appeal—The CAFOD Group wish to thank you for your generous support of the Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal and ask for your continued prayers for the dire situation in the affected areas.

Fast Day— Many thanks also for your support of the Fast Day, donations can still be made during Lent online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. A final total for the Fast Day Appeal will be announced at the end of Lent.

'BELOVED DISCIPLES' ~ LENT COURSE IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS—RESCHEDULE



The first session did not take place on 10th March as scheduled because of the bad weather. Instead, it took place last Friday 17th March. The rescheduled session two topic is "Changing your world" which will now take place on Friday 24th March at 12.30pm.

The DVDs feature well-known speakers: David Wells and David Payne.

Each session will last about 90 minutes. The session will consist of tea and coffee on arrival: A DVD ; a talk sharing in small groups and a short reflection.

So please come along to St Mary's parish Rooms on Friday 24th March , and the two following Fridays, bringing a packed lunch. Renew your faith.

Everyone is welcome.

FLAGGING AT ST MARY'S

We expect a short disruption to the path between the Parish Rooms and the church as flags are being re-laid, and you may need to avoid the area. Please take care.

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.



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 20TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Feast of St Joseph</i> 9.30am at St Mary's Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Margaret Rutherford RIP 12.00 noon at St. John's
Wednesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at Christ the King 7.00pm at St John's
Thursday	<i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</i> 9.30am at St Mary's 10.00am at St John's 7.00pm: Deanery Station Mass at Christ Church Nelson
Friday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 6.30am at St Mary's—Lenten Mass followed by light breakfast 9.30am at St Mary's NB No Reconciliation and Exposition today 6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St. John's
Saturday	<i>The Annunciation</i> 9.30am St Mary's followed by Reconciliation and Exposition 10.30am to 11.30am Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's
Sunday:	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i> Christ the King: 9.15am and 5.00pm St Mary's: 10.00am (This Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website). St John's: 10.45am

Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to

There will be a Funeral Mass for Sr Margaret Ryan and Sr Margaret Mary Galligan at St Mary Magdalene's at 11.00am on Thursday this week.

CAFOD—40 YEARS IN THE PARISH!

CELEBRATION MASS

The first CAFOD Group in the Parish was established 40 years ago and we invite everyone to join in a celebratory Mass on Saturday 1st April—at 12.00 noon in St John's church. We'll be having cake and brews afterwards to chat and share our joys. Congratulations to all those founders, living and dead. God bless you and God bless all you have done in our name.

FOODBANK

The people of the parish have given donations and goods, through and in addition to the excellent work of Blessed Trinity College, who have raised over £13,000 since they started. You are asked to continue to put food into the collection point in many supermarkets, as well as using the Blessed Trinity site for financial donations at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>.



St John's will continue to accept money gifts, in an envelope clearly marked dropped into the presbytery letterbox. Donations for February totalled £70.

Enormous thanks to everyone for their generosity

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