

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
20TH MARCH 2022 YEAR C



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THIS SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's Gospel parable, Jesus is the gardener, God is the Vineyard owner and each of us is the fig tree that fails to produce fruit. The gardener pleads with the vineyard owner for time to work on the tree to enable it with his help to produce fruit in the future. On the surface it seems quite a cosy parable but once we delve into it, we realise it is quite hard-hitting.

There is a sense of urgency about Jesus' words because he is urging us to take the opportunities for a complete change of heart and change of direction in our lives. Just as the fig-tree exists to produce fruit we are given the gift of life to make a difference with our lives. We are called to give glory and praise to God, to follow the teachings of Christ and build up the kingdom here on Earth. The consequences of not producing fruit are that we lose the life of Grace that God desires for us.

Through our Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and alms-giving, we are to become stronger and more focused on our responsibilities. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the best way for us to repent of our sins and to receive the grace we need to get our lives back on track. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation there is a balance between fear, at facing ourselves and the exhilarating feeling of knowing for certain our weaknesses and sins that we have carried around with us are gone.

In these remaining weeks of Lent, may we seize all the opportunities that present themselves for us to grow as children of God and with help from Our Lord Jesus, strive to produce fruit that will be pleasing to God Our Father.



Personal Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

A parishioner has suggested that we each ask God's help for the situation in Ukraine **by saying a private prayer at 9.00pm every evening. Until the war ends** The suggestion is that we should say the 'Our Father'.

Diocesan Holy Hour for Peace
Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour this Sunday at 2.30pm this Sunday at the Cathedral and online.
See details inside

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://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

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**.

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

HOMES FOR UKRAINE: If you think you might be able to take a Ukrainian refugee into your home you can show your interest at the government website: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/digital-delivery/register-to-support-homes-for-ukraine/> Challenging but potentially very worthwhile.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Pat Quinlan, May Savage, Geoff Knowles, Margaret Shaw, Nasreen Sultana, Kathleen Lord, Rose Duffield, Mary Deegan, Albert Fell., Joshua Chew,



Anniversaries: Mary Ann Melvin, Maureen Whitehead, John Entwistle, Margaret Mellville Edwards, Martin Boland, Winnie Igoe, Hapton Valley Miners, Kath Ternent, Jack and Rose Owen.

Birthday memorial: Tom Edmondson
Other intentions: McMenamin family

DIOCESAN HOLY HOUR

Bishop John leads Holy Hour to pray for peace in Ukraine

Bishop John is inviting the faithful of our diocese to join him in prayer this Sunday as he holds a special Holy Hour for peace in Ukraine.

The Holy Hour will take place at 2.30pm and can also be viewed online at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>

Knights of St Columba News

Did you know..... Our local Knights originated and are responsible for the annual distribution of the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters nationwide? It's one of many good works for many different local and national charities. They recently donated £4,000 from the money they raised with the Poster Campaign. This went to:

£1,000 to the Ukraine Appeal

£1000 to the John Foster Home for Boys in India

£1,000 for a children's pilgrimage

£500 for Action for Youth

£500 to Mary's Meals a charity which feeds people in countries of drought and famine

The Knights are a friendly and positive organisation. If you would like to know more about or join in their work and social activities please call Ray on 07940260034.

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.

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.



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PREPARING FOR EASTER IN THE PARISH — EASTER TRIDUUM.

This year the Easter Triduum for the parish will be held in its entirety at St John's church, with it being the biggest available church. This will enable both our priests to be together for the Triduum. The roles at these services will be carried out by parishioners from all three churches in the parish.

- Holy Thursday 14th April :** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching until 11pm.
Good Friday 15th April: 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday 16th April: 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Good Friday

In addition to the 3pm Solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday 15th April at St John's, there will also be Family Stations of the Cross at 10.30am at Christ the King.

EASTER CARDS

You will find some lovely Easter cards on the table at the back of St Johns all 60p per card . Please help yourself and leave your money in the container. Thank you.

CAFOD News and Call for Actions

Lent Family Fast Day – Many thanks for your wonderful donations of £1.500 for CAFOD's Fast Day, shared between the Fast Day Appeal and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Donations can still be left in envelopes in the baskets at the back of our churches or online: <https://cafod.org.uk/Lent>



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CAFOD Fundraising Events for the Parish – The parish CAFOD have two fundraising events during Lent.

- ♦ **'Walk Against Hunger', Sunday 3rd April starting at 1.30pm** a short walk of approximately 2.5km around the grounds of Towneley Park. It will be held on from the bottom car park next to the Rotunda/ children's play area. Participants can make a voluntary donation or request a sponsorship form from Dominic via email (dominic.aunger@btinternet.com).
- ♦ **Lent Soup Lunch on Friday 8th April.** Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon at St John the Baptist's followed by a soup lunch in the parish hall. Please support these events if possible and help us raise funds to tell hunger to 'jog on' this Lent.

WALKING AT OSCOTT FOR THE UKRAINIAN APPEAL

Our Seminarian, Mark McGeehan is doing a sponsored walk—100 times around the boundaries of Oscott College!! Mark and his fellow seminarians ask your support by donations to CAFOD using the college 'Just Giving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oscott-action-for-justice-and-peace1>. It's another option giving you choices about the route you use if you are able to contribute.

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Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us

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 **£70.00** being donated during February.

Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.



Pope Francis' Prayer for March

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



PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES 28TH MARCH TO 3RD APRIL 2022

To help in 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 below

Monday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	9.30am St John's	7.00pm Christ the King
Tuesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	9.30 Christ the King	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>Lent Weekday</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
		7.00pm Deanery Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Clayton le Moors	
Friday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	6.30am Christ the King - Early Lenten Mass	
1st April		9.30am St John's	
		7.00pm Station of the Cross at 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>Fifth 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)

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer" Pope Paul VI

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)



LENTEN STATION MASSES IN ST JOHN VIANNEY DEANERY

Thank you to everyone who attended the first Lenten Station Mass at St John's last Thursday. The remaining two Masses within our Deanery will be celebrated as follows:

Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Clayton le Moors Thursday 31st March at 7.00pm
Lenten Station Mass at St Anselm's Whitworth Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm

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

Parish Coach to St Anselm's We are putting on a coach from to the Mass at Whitworth as it is a little bit further away. To book a seat please put your name on the sheet at the back of church.

LENT IN THE PARISH

The Parish will have two additional regular 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 on this Friday March 25th.

Blessed Trinity Mass: there will be Mass at 8.00am on Friday 1st April at the College.

Stations of the Cross

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



1st April at St John's
8th April at Christ the King

If you can't get to these the parish website is streaming services from last year's Stations.



"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)."