

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY)

27TH APRIL 2025 YEAR C



Churches of

- ♦ Christ the King
 - ♦ St Mary of the Assumption
 - ♦ St John the Baptist
- BURNLEY

You would like to think that all the apostles who had witnessed at close hand all the ministry of Jesus with his teaching and his miracles, and parables etc would be flawless in their faith in him. However, it's human to forget and like Thomas we can often forget all the blessings that can come our way. We should nevertheless be grateful to Thomas for having the honesty and integrity to say I don't get this, I don't think I can accept this unless I can see for myself. When Jesus appears to him 8 days later, he gets his chance, and he takes it. He has his questions and doubts answered by the Risen Lord, who is patient, understanding, gentle and kind with Thomas .

We have to remember that for the apostles Good Friday was a very dark and bleak day for them; their hopes were shattered; all they had lived for, the previous three years



seemed to all go down the drain. It was obviously a big stumbling block for Thomas to get through. He goes on to make an enormous leap of faith declaring Jesus to be his Lord and his God.

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday and we think of the mercy of God which is freely offered to us by the Living Lord. He is risen, because of Easter and is therefore alive and so can come to us in so many ways; especially in a personal relationship with him through prayer, as well as in the sacraments and in the Mass. Despite our sins, Jesus will always fill us with hope and the promise of His Divine life.

Lord Jesus, give us your Holy Spirit that we may open ourselves to receive the abundant life that Can only be found through Christ and that is offered to us because of Easter. Amen

PARISH EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA

Our Parish "Easter Eggstravaganza" is next **Sunday May 4th based at St Johns** after the 10-45am Mass. Can you make an Easter Bonnet and bring it along to join in the parade around the parish hall - with prizes! There's a design-an-Easter Egg colouring competition, a raffle, a cake stall, a book stall and several varied items are up for the 'Mini Auction'. And you can enjoy all these whilst munching away on bacon or sausage butties!!



If you'd like to **give a helping hand** contact Margaret P 07751 025178. Any monies raised will be used for parish funds - Thanks to all!!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thanks to all those who have submitted Application Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents should receive an acknowledgement email from the parish in the coming week. The programme of preparation begins on 29th April and we are really looking forward to working with the young people as they prepare for this important landmark in their Christian journey.





Pope Francis

1936 - 2025

BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE

A Book of Condolence has been placed in Salford Cathedral's temporary church for people to pay their respects. An online Book of Condolence, created by CathCom, is available on the Salford Diocese website. There is also a second online Book of Condolence from the Bishops Conference available on their website.

PRAYER FOR FRANCIS

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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



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PSALM 120

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON (NUNC DIMITTIS)

(Luke 2:29-32)

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESSOR OF POPE FRANCIS

O God, who chose your servant, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may conform his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE

The deferred feast of St George will be celebrated in the parish with a special 9.30am Mass at St John's on Monday 28th April. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Margaret Sharrock, Peter Featherstone, John Foulds, Rose Jackson, Margaret Dempsey.

Anniversaries: Alice Fortune, Bob Thomas, Maureen Ghee, Linda Theresa White, Dougie Clegg, Patrick Campion.

Other Intentions: Return to good health

Towneley Chapel Lamp: Pope Francis RIP, Mulrooney Family, Intentions of C. Bailey.

Birthday Memoriam; John Frazer,



PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING

This annual meeting will this time be held in St John's parish hall at 7pm on Thursday 8th May. The agenda will comprise a review of the last year, presentation of parish accounts for last year and a few plans for the coming year. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS—24TH MAY 2025

100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC CHARITY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN BURNLEY

The Knights would invite and welcome everybody to join them in celebrating their Centenary Anniversary on Saturday 24th May, The events are:

Evening Mass of celebration at 5.30pm at St Mary's church. Bishop John Arnold has honoured the centenary as Celebrant of this Mass.

A three-course meal at Turf Moor and entertainment with fantastic artist Sean Middleton. Tickets are selling fast and are £20per person!

If you are interested please contact a Brother or Grand Knight Tom Wilkinson for more information: Mobile: 0789112951 Email: grand-knight-council110@ksc.org.uk .



STRUNG SUNG SUPPER RETURNS TO BURNLEY



This popular "singalong" event will feature live music from Fr David and the "Strung Sung-Band" This will be held at **St John's parish hall, Ivy St, on Friday 9th May**. Doors open at 7pm to start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 each which includes a song sheet as well as a pie and peas supper, and are now available from Margaret Tel 07751025178 and also from Fr David. Please bring your own drinks.

All Proceeds will go to support the excellent and vital work of the Parish St Vincent de Paul Society, helping the needy of the parish and wider community.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will now be on **Monday 5th May at 8pm** in St Mary's parish rooms.



CAFOD NEWS— 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER—27TH APRIL 2025

CAFOD Remembers Pope Francis – Pope Francis was a great source of inspiration for CAFOD and its work as the Holy Father was a true advocate for the most vulnerable and marginalised of the world. CAFOD have provided prayers for the repose of his soul and published reflections on the huge legacy of his pontificate. Access them here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/international-news/death-of-pope-francis>

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal – This appeal is still open and donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. If you haven't already donated, you can still do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked "CAFOD Earthquake Appeal" and putting it in the collection in our parish churches. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0300 999 0030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

BURNLEY CATENIANS CURRY NIGHT

Parishioners are invited to join them at the Usha Restaurant for the curry night on Wednesday 21 May.18:30 for 19:00. Cost £14.95 for the Banqueting Menu. Bookings to Phil Needham philip-john1987@icloud.com 0753 599 8706

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 23rd April was number **44**. Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ Helen St Mary's ~ Lynne Christ the King ~ Maureen**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 28TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St George</i> 9.30am Mass at St John's Mass for the Solemnity of St George. 10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Norman Trotter RIP	
Tuesday	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i> 12 Noon St John's	NB: Only one Mass today
Wednesday	<i>St Pius V</i> 9.30 Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>St Athanasius</i> 12 Noon Mass preceded from 11.30am to 11.55am with Exposition and Reconciliation.	
Saturday	<i>Ss Philip and James</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 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	Third Sunday of Easter 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 (*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)	

EXPOSITION:
There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)

Stay with us Lord on our journey.



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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY SERVICE

There will be a Churches Together in Burnley Service at St Mary's on Pentecost Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm.

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for the weekend of 19th and 20th April was £1847.21, for which many thanks.

Parish Fundraising meeting

The meeting scheduled for Thursday 15th May, will now instead take place on Thursday 22nd May at St Mary's presbytery.

Clergy Team

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