

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## Churches of

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

## NEWSLETTER

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

5TH MARCH 2023

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### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples on a journey up a high mountain, where he is transfigured, in their midst; His clothes became as bright as the light and his clothes shone like the sun. On one side was Moses, on the other Elijah; one represents God's Law and the other the prophets. A cloud symbolising the presence of God overshadowed them. The Father's voice affirms Jesus in his love. Peter speaking for apostles was inclined to "freeze-frame" the moment for a duration, but the Lord knew they had to come back down the mountain and face his terrible passion and death and all that went with it, before he can attain that future glory. Even though he knew what



faced him he still reassured the disciples to not be afraid.

The event focuses on future glory and the need for faith, courage and trust in God. It reminds us that Lent is a spiritual journey for us, giving us time to grow stronger in our

faith and in our belief. It is a time for us to grow in resilience, courage and inner strength so that we are prepared to face all the trials and difficulties that life throws at us.

Lent is a time for us to prepare well for the glory of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. The Lord asks us to keep on trusting him, keep on following him and not be afraid because he is always with us on this pilgrimage of life journeying towards the Promised Land of heaven.

### CAFOD URGENT EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. **For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. To donate in cash** To donate, please place your gift in an envelope marked, "Earthquake Appeal", and put into the collections during our parish Masses

### NEW PRIESTS IN THE PARISH

We are delighted to welcome Fr Benjamin and Fr Job who have arrived in the parish. They are Diocesan priests from the Diocese of Bauchi in Nigeria. They will be based at St John's presbytery but will assist Fr David in serving the whole of the parish. They are currently going through the appropriate safeguarding procedures so they are not yet ready to minister. We will inform you when they are ready to serve. Thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Mark Nicholls, Gloria Ezeokoli, Peter Mason, Anne O'Boyle, John Peter Igoe, Patricia Green, Anne Heseldon, Margaret McConnell, Dorothy Perry, Louise Slattery, Michael Payne, Peter Wadge, Paddy Frazer, Betty Phillips, Tom Tallon.

**Birthday Memoriam:** Mary Kay, Bill Sammon, Joe Canning.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Melling, Joseph Thomas, Michael John Toman, Agnes Fletcher, Peter Coyne, Teresa Carter, Peggy Conlon, Anne Canning, Albert Fell.

**Other Intentions:** Kevin Moss

**In Memoriam:** Michael Horrocks



## 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.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A service of the Stations of the Cross will be held this Monday, 6th March at St. John's Church at 6.00pm. Everybody welcome.

### ST JOHN VIANNEY DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES

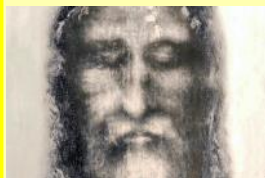
These Masses involve the priests and people of the Deanery coming together at different churches throughout Lent. The guest preacher at these Masses this year will be Fr Bryan Cunningham who is a member of the Schoenstatt Institute based in our Diocese. These Masses will be held at 7pm on three Thursdays in March as follows:

9th March at St Mary's Oswaldtwistle      16th March St Peter's, Newchurch in Rossendale  
23rd March Christ Church, Nelson.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.15pm

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

This features a full-size replica of the actual Shroud with its history, science and theology. It is taking place at Stonyhurst College next Sunday, 12th March and we would like, by sharing cars to encourage a group to go from the parish to visit the exhibition. Tea and cakes are available at the college after the exhibition. We plan to leave "in convoy" from St John's church at 12.15pm on the day. If you would like transport or can offer transport please contact Maria from 26th February on tel 07929256406 or email [mariaboys46@gmail.com](mailto:mariaboys46@gmail.com)



### 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!

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

There will be an escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### 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.



### ST. JOHN'S T-DANCE

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

### SOCIAL GROUP

Following last month's successful reunion, our next get together will be at St Mary's Parish Rooms on Thursday 9th March at 1.30pm. Please join us for a cuppa, table tennis, darts, a quiz, and a chat. All are welcome.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE DEANERY

Confirmation is now to be celebrated by each Deanery throughout the Diocese. Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley on Wednesday 14th June. Young people living in the parish, who are in school year 8 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 by 15th March who will give you a letter providing details of the programme of catechesis and a Parental Consent/Application Form to be completed. We will also be promoting the Sacrament through Blessed Trinity Catholic College.



### KSC NEWS

**KSC Weekly Quiz** There's a Quiz every Monday evening 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.

**President's Night** Thank you to everyone who supported the President's night at the Club last Saturday. Over £500 was raised and this will be split between Holly Grove School and The Handicapped Fellowship.



### COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?



As you may know St Marys have a defibrillator situated outside the parish rooms. St John the Baptist has recently acquired one and it is situated to the right of the main door on the outside wall. Christ the King will shortly be getting a defibrillator.

**Would you know how to use one? You *could* save a life if you do!**

To help us feel more confident in the operation of these devices and in performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation the North West Ambulance have agreed to come and give us a training session. Please come along to St John's Parish Rooms starting at 3.00pm, on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

The course starts **this** Friday 10th March at 12.30pm, in St Mary's parish rooms, and will run for 4 weeks. The course is entitled 'Beloved Disciples'.



It's an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis's call "I invite all Christians ... to allow their hearts to be touched by Christ."

In our course the talks will cover the following topics:

**Week 1:** The Autumn of Life

**Week 2:** Changing your World

**Week 3:** Thy Will be Done

**Week 4:** The Best is yet to Come

Each session will last about 90 minutes. The session will consist of tea and coffee on arrival: A DVD talk: sharing in small groups and a short reflection. So please come along to St Mary's parish Rooms on Friday 10th March, bring a packed lunch and renew your faith. ***Everyone is welcome.***

*The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.*



### 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 6TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

Please note the changes this week.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at St Mary's <b>Only one Mass today</b> 6.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St. John's church	<b>Exposition</b> There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (except before Funerals).
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>SS Perpetua and Felicity</i> 9.30am at St Mary's <b>Only one Mass today</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St John of God</i> 9.30am at Christ the King <b>Only one Mass today</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Frances of Rome</i> 9.30am at St John's 7.00pm: Deanery Station Mass at St. Mary's Oswaldtwistle	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> 6.30am at St Mary's—Lenten Mass followed by light breakfast 12.00 noon at St Mary's preceded at 11.30 with Reconciliation and Exposition	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's 10.30am to 11.30am — Reconciliation and Exposition at St Mary's <b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's <b>preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition</b> 6.30pm St Mary's	
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b><i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i></b> 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	

### OBLATES OF ST JOSEPH

We are very grateful to Fr Peter and Fr Stephen who will continue to help out in the parish over the next few weekends. They are Oblates of St. Joseph based at St. Wulstan's in Great Harwood and have helped us out a few times already. We know you have made them most welcome and will continue to do so.

### 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.

### 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**

### Clergy Team

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