

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4TH MAY 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Churches of

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

When Peter realises that it is the Risen Jesus who is the early morning stranger on the shore in the today's Gospel, we can tell by his enthusiasm that he earnestly desires to put his mistakes of the recent past behind him. The fact that Peter responds so eagerly by getting into the lake to haul in the miraculous catch of fish speaks volumes. Jesus is masterly in helping Peter to move on from his mistakes so he can be free to lead the Church in the future.



Peter takes his chance after the breakfast on the lake shore, when Jesus takes him aside and asks him three times whether he loves him. Peter perhaps gets upset at being asked for the

third time if he loves the Lord: because at that moment he realises what Jesus is doing. In asking Peter three times if he loved him, he is effectively wiping out the three denials with three expressions of love. Peter's ministry and therefore the Church is not built on human strength but entirely on God's mercy and love.

May we also have courage to say yes to the Lord to love him and his flock, our brothers and sisters. May the Lord give us the courage, words and actions that we need to put behind us past hurts and wrongs so that our relationships can be healed, rebuilt and grow healthily on the foundations of our Christian faith.

PARISH EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA

Our Parish "Easter Eggstravaganza" is **this 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!!



SVP EASTER HOUSEBOUND MASS

Will be held in the Parish Hall of St John's on Saturday May 17th at 12.15pm, followed by our usual lunch and a natter. This invitation is extended across the parish to anyone who is housebound, disabled, lonely or would just like to come young and old, you are welcome. Transport can be provided to and from if needed. Contact Maria 07929256406 or Klaus 07977913092

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thanks to all those who have submitted Application Forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The programme of preparation began last week and we continue to enjoy working with the young people as they prepare for this important landmark in their Christian journey.



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, this Friday 9th May**. Doors open from 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 there are still a few 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 community.

ANGELS AND DEMONS

Burnley Municipal Choir are performing Elgar's choral masterpiece The Dream of Gerontius at Burnley Mechanics on Sunday 18th May at 7pm. Based on the poem by Cardinal (now Saint) Newman it charts the epic journey from life, through death, to wonders beyond our imagination. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the thrill and power of live choral music. Tickets from the Mechanics, 01282 664400, or pay on the door.

PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING

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

ST. JOHN'S MISSIO RED BOXES – THANK YOU

In 2024 The Parish of the Good Samaritan (St. John's) raised the wonderful sum of £1,300.44 through the red box collections. Your pennies and prayers have helped and supported those in need around the world. Renewed thanks.



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.

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.

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 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 confirm 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Bernard Hargreaves. Winnie Gregson (1st Ann), Thomas and Jean Neale,

Other Intentions: Donor's intentions

Birthday Memoriams: Harry Giltrow, John Frazer, Cory Wilson.

Lately Dead: Margaret Sharrock, Rose Jackson, Margaret Dempsey, Douglas Pierce, Mike Sedgwick,

Anniversaries: Joan Lawrenson, Ken Gorton, Agnes Variyam, Francis Fallon, Trevor Ryder, Co-razon Bernabe, Richard Wilson, Francis Carter,



CAFOD NEWS— 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—4TH MAY 2025

Lent Family Fast Day – the parish CAFOD group wish to sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions to CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day appeal. As a parish we donated an amazing £2,172.99. Thanks also to Fr David for allowing us to make the appeal.

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>

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

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



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 .



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

UPRIGHT PIANO AVAILABLE

A parishioner has a piano available free of charge, or with a small donation to the parish. Collection will need to be done quite urgently, and you must arrange and pay for transport. Call Agnieska, on 07413 556 503.

Loving Father, thank you for the wonderful new people you have brought into my life. Help me to show welcome and interest in their lives so that I might be kind to all of them, in Jesus name.

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.

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 30th April was number **44** (again!). Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Christine, St Mary's ~ Lynne, Christ the King ~ Maureen,
Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 5TH MAY TO SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12 Noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30 Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass preceded from 11.30am to 11.55am with Exposition and Reconciliation.	
Saturday	<i>St John of Avila</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	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) 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.

ECCLIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND

Next Sunday 11th May is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life. There will be a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which supports the formation of priests for the Diocese of Salford. Thank you.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 26th and 27th April was £1,328.39, for which many thanks.

FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, OLD ENGLISH COINS AND NOTES, MEDALS AND GOLD

If you have any of these items please bring them to church and place them at a box at the back of each church. The parish has received over £500 from what has already been raised. Thank you.

Clergy Team

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