

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

12TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, near the Samaritan town of Sychar, in the heat of the midday sun. She has made a lot of mistakes and as a result is no doubt the source of much local gossip. Jesus convinces her by talking about "living water" that she needs God in her life. She has come to seek water from the well but is "thirsting" for something else in her life. She has been looking for love but has been searching in the wrong places and is currently living with a man, who does not make her happy. She is surely thirsting for a chance to change, to be forgiven her sins and to be given a clear new direction for her life.

The woman asks questions of Jesus then seizes the opportunity that He gives her to change her way of life. He tells her that the answer to all the restlessness lies within her and that she is loved by God and despite her mistakes is inherently good. This goodness of God is like a



spring of living water welling up instead her. By the end of the encounter with Jesus, Jesus has given her a new purpose in life he has shown her respect and love and this brings about a conversion in her. Jesus began by asking the woman to give him a drink of water and ended up giving her everything she needed to get her life back on track.

Lent is a time for change and conversion and we are encouraged to carry out the disciplines of Lent of fasting, prayer and giving to take opportunities to change and become more like Christ. These will enable us in a very different way to put God and others at the centre of our lives instead of ourselves. In life we are constantly thirsting for something in our lives, but in Christ we should have everything that we need he reminds of the inherent goodness within us, just waiting to be discovered and unleashed.

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 by using an envelope marked, "CAFOD", and placing it in the collection or online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. A final total for the Fast Day Appeal will be announced at the end of Lent. We wish to thank parishioners who attended the Lent Family Fast Day soup kitchen, which raised £208.44, and those who helped in any way on the day.

Date for the diary— A Mass of celebration and thanksgiving at St. John's on Saturday 1st April to celebrate the CAFOD Group's 40th Anniversary, followed by tea, coffee and cake in the parish hall. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Mark Nicholls, Gloria Ezeokoli, Peter Mason, Anne O'Boyle, John Peter Igoe, Patricia Green, Anne Heseldon, Louise Slattery, Michael Payne, Peter Wadge, Tom Tallon, Margaret Rutherford, Betty Philips, Mary Chambers, Sr Margaret Mary Galligan, Sr Maragret Ryan,

Birthday Memoriam: Christine Ostle.

Anniversaries: Albert Fell, Elizabeth Gaughan, Mary Ferguson, Sean Taylor. Kathleen Hamilton, Keith Parker,

Other Intentions: Norah and Walter Lister, Mary Anne Melvin. , Jenny Holt,

In Memoriam: Deceased members of the Allen family, deceased members of the Fitzpatrick family, Jim Carter.

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 Friday, 17th March at St. Mary's Church at 6.00pm. Everybody 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 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:

16th March St Peter's, Newchurch in Rossendale 23rd March Christ Church, Nelson.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.15pm

NEW PRIESTS IN THE PARISH

We are delighted to have Fr Benjamin and Fr Job here 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 all three churches in 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.

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 today, Sunday, 12th March, we will be departing from St. John's Church at 12:15. Tea and cakes are available at the college after the exhibition.

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 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.

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.

KEEP THE FAITH ~ LIVE IN DARWEN

Fr David will be joining band "Keep the Faith" at the Irish Night at St Joseph's parish hall, Darwen on Saturday evening 18th March. A few friendly faces from Burnley will be warmly welcomed. The event includes supper, a bar, as well as live music. Please pay on the door.

"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith." ~ Pope Francis



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 **this Wednesday 15th March** who will give you a letter providing details of the programme of catechesis and a Parental Consent/Application Form. We will also be promoting the Sacrament through Blessed Trinity Catholic College.

KSC WEEKLY QUIZ



KSC Weekly Quiz The next quiz will be Monday 13th March, 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.

Our quiz master this week is Fr. David

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, **this** Saturday March 18th.

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

On Friday 17th March at 12.30pm, in St Mary's parish rooms, we will resume our DVD course, which was postponed last week because of the bad weather, and will run for 3 further consecutive 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."

As we are in week 2, the remaining topics are;

Week 2: Changing your World

Week 3: Thy Will be Done

Week 4: The Best is yet to Come *All featuring David Wells and David Payne*

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

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 13TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.15am Mass at St Mary's	Only one Mass today	Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (except before Funerals).
Tuesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am Mass at St Mary's 11.30am Funeral Mass for Peter Mason RIP at St. John's		
Wednesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at Christ the King	Only one Mass today	
Thursday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 10.30am Funeral Mass for John Peter Igoe RIP at St Mary's	Only one Mass today	
Friday	7.00pm: Deanery Lenten Station Mass at St. Peter's, Newchurch, Rossendale <i>St Patrick</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 6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's		
Saturday	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.30am to 11.30am — Reconciliation and Exposition at St Mary's Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm by Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's	
Sunday:	<i>FOURTH 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		

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 and we know you will continue to make them 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.

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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