

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

26TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A

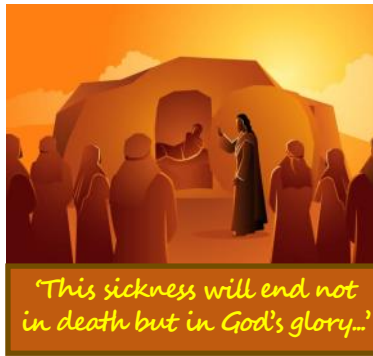


FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Even though Jesus knew that he was going to give glory to God by what he was about to do, we are told in today's Gospel that he also shed tears, on his way to raise Lazarus from the dead.

These were genuine signs of his love and friendship for Lazarus and for his other friends Martha and Mary whom he saw look so devastated at losing their beloved brother. Jesus is at the centre of this sad scene at the death of Lazarus but he gives hope to those who are overcome by grief.

Those who believe in the Lord will never die. Martha believed to the point of knowing for certain that Jesus was her Lord and Saviour. May we who also believe in Christ as Our Lord and God, hand over all our fears of death for ourselves and our loved ones, to the one who brings us life, and who has conquered sin and death for ever.



John will go on to infer that the raising of Lazarus is one of the reasons why the authorities want to have Jesus killed. This should set us thinking about the death and the resurrection of Jesus himself from the dead which we will be shortly commemorating during Holy Week and Easter.

Faith is our great ally in the face of death. It doesn't mean we have all the answers. It does not stop us from grieving when someone we love dies. However it does make a big difference, because our Christian faith adds the essential ingredient of hope. Through our Catholic faith, the big difference for us and those without faith, is that we are grieving as people who believe that death does no longer have the last word.

'If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

EASTER TRIDUUM IN THE PARISH

Like last year we would like to celebrate the Easter Triduum in one church as one parish. These services will therefore be celebrated by all three priests to encourage that idea of unity. This year the three services will be celebrated at St Mary's church as follows;

Maundy Thursday 6th April ~ 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, with watching until 11pm.

Good Friday 7th April ~ 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8th April ~ 7.30pm Easter Vigil (Mass)

We do hope that like last year, there will be a good representation from across the three churches in the parish.

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR THE TRIDUUM

All singers and musicians from across the parish are invited to come to practise together at St Mary's church at 2.00pm on Palm Sunday, 2nd April. We will then be singing and playing together at all of the Triduum services.

MASS INTENTIONS

beth Feeney, John Haygarth, Margaret Melville Edwards,

In Memoriam: Winifred Augner

Birthday Memoriam: Gertrude Stewart, Doris Burke, Evelyn Gleeson,

Lately Dead: Mary Chambers, Duncan Neary, Dorothy Harrison, Geoffrey Shackleton, Anita Leighton, Andrew Lonergan, John Miller,

Other Intentions: John Morgan's Intentions

Anniversaries: Kath Ternernt, John Bainbridge, Sylvia Whittaker, Constance Howarth, Martorana Saverio, Di Chiazza Francesca, Doris Burke, Eliza-



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT



As we approach the last two weeks of Lent, you may reflect how quickly it has flown by! It may also be the opportunity to do a little more than you've found possible so far. There are some events below which may provide that chance to help prepare more fully for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

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

We will be celebrating a Service of Stations of the Cross in a different church in the parish at some point during each week of Lent.

Tuesday 28th March at 6pm at St Mary's

Good Friday 7th April at 10.30am at Christ the King (**Family Stations of the Cross**)

If there are any children who would like to be involved in this service please arrive at church by 10.15am, so that a role can be allocated to you.

All are welcome

GOOD FRIDAY QUIET HOUR WITH THE CROSS AT ST JOHN'S

We will be holding a Quiet Hour with the Cross at St John's church on **Good Friday 7th April at 6.30pm**. This peaceful and informal liturgy will centre on reflections on the 7 last words of Our Lord on the Cross, interspersed with reflective music. All are welcome.

CAFOD LENTEN PRAYERS

Every day Cafod have prepared prayers and reflections to support our journey through Lent. Go to: cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers

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!

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.



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). Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CAFOD—40 YEARS IN THE PARISH!

CELEBRATION MASS



We would like to invite you to a Celebration of all the Group has achieved both financially and campaigning over the past 40 years. Celebrating the work of our members both those still active and those many great folk who are now departed. If you or a member of your family has been involved, or you have supported us in any way please join us to remember their work. Mass at St John's on Saturday the 1st April At 12noon followed by light refreshment and sharing the memories.

Chrim Mass Wednesday 5th March at Salford Cathedral

This will be held at St John's Cathedral, Salford on Wednesday 5th March at 11am. Bishop John will celebrate this beautiful Mass which includes the blessing of the new Holy Oils, in the presence of many priests of the Diocese. Admittance is by ticket only and we have been given a few tickets for this event for parish use. We would like to give preference to those who have not been before. If interested please contact Fr David

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid envelopes for the 2023/2024 tax year are now available for collection at the back of all three of the churches as usual. At St John's and Christ the King they have been marked up with your name so please take your new box and sign the sheet. If a new Gift Aid form is required please take, complete and return the form within the next few weeks. If you filled one in last year you do not need to complete another. If there is no envelope pack for you at Christ the King, please ring Peter on 07546 261012. This also applies if you have a Gift Aid form to hand in.



If you pay income or capital gains tax and you would like to start to Gift Aid your donations, please take an unallocated box of envelopes (numbered from 1 to 80 at St Mary's), a declaration form and sign the sheet.

If you do not pay tax but would prefer to use envelopes, then non Gift Aid envelopes (numbered from 81 to 140 at St Mary's are available for your use).

Thank you very much for your loving and generous donations.

KSC CONCERT WITH FR DAVID AND FRIENDS



This will be an evening of Light-Hearted Music and Song with Fr David and Friends providing the music. It will also feature the KSC Grand National Draw which is a national annual event. The Supreme Knight will attend, which is a special privilege for local Knights, and oversee the Draw. All Proceeds will go to CAFOD. The concert will be on Tuesday 11th April 2023 from 7.30pm at the KSC 110 Club, Yorkshire St, Burnley. Tickets £5.00 (including pie and peas supper) from Trevor—07526 014 568. A good evening of fun and excitement!

KSC Weekly Quiz There is Quiz every Monday starting at 8.30pm in the KSC 110 Club. Come and join a team

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 online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. A final total for the Fast Day Appeal will be announced at the end of Lent.

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



The course which is entitled Beloved Disciples is progressing well and all those who attended really enjoyed it. The next session (3) is entitled Thy Will be Done and will take place on Friday 31st March. The DVDs feature well-known speakers: David Wells and David Payne.

Each session will last about 90 minutes. The session will consist of tea and coffee on arrival, and time to eat your packed lunch, A DVD talk: sharing in small groups and a short reflection. So please come along to St Mary's parish Rooms on Friday 31st March and renew your faith..

Everyone is welcome.

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 27TH MARCH TO SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at St Mary's One Mass only today 10.30am Funeral service at St Mary's for Mary Chambers (RIP)	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 at St John's One Mass only today 6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's	
Wednesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at Christ the King 7.00pm at St John's	
Thursday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am at St Mary's One Mass only today	
Friday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	
31st March	6.30am at St Mary's— Lenten Mass followed by light breakfast 10.30am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Dorothy Harrison (RIP) Nb No Reconciliation and Exposition today	
Saturday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	
1st April	9.30am St Mary's followed by Reconciliation and Exposition 10.30am to 11.30am 12.00 noon Mass at St John's to Celebrate 40 years of the CAFOD Group Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's	
Sunday:	PALM 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	

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The deadline for applications to be received has now passed, we look forward to beginning our programme of preparation with the young people very shortly.

OBLATES OF ST JOSEPH

We are very grateful to Fr Peter OSJ who has been helping us out in the parish over the last two months. We are very grateful for the passion and joy that he has brought to us.

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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