

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Churches of

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

In today's Gospel John and Peter go down to the empty tomb, they see the clothes rolled up, and where the Lord has lain, and the penny drops! From that moment onwards they understood that the Scriptures all pointed to the Resurrection: that Jesus must rise from the dead. Jesus had tried to tell them but they had failed to fully grasp what he meant until that day arrived. They would never look back from this moment on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday is the key to our faith and to our hope, it is central to everything that Jesus taught concerning himself and the Kingdom of God. It is central to everything that the Church has proclaimed since the day that Jesus ascended into heaven.

We cannot separate the resurrection of Jesus from his Passion and Death.



His glory cannot be separated from his pain. The early Christians came to understand, albeit slowly, that the Passion and death was precisely how Jesus entered

into his glory. The Resurrection is central to us as Christians but we must not forget that it was preceded by the Passion and Death. That's why the Church celebrates the Triduum; 3 special days all connected, and following on from each other; the Last Supper, the Eucharist, the Agony, the Passion, Death and Resurrection, which are all connected. We cannot have Easter Sunday and all its joys without Good Friday and all its pain, suffering, trauma and sorrow. When we are experiencing Good Friday moments, of suffering, despair, sorrow, we should always remember Easter Sunday.



EASTER MESSAGE

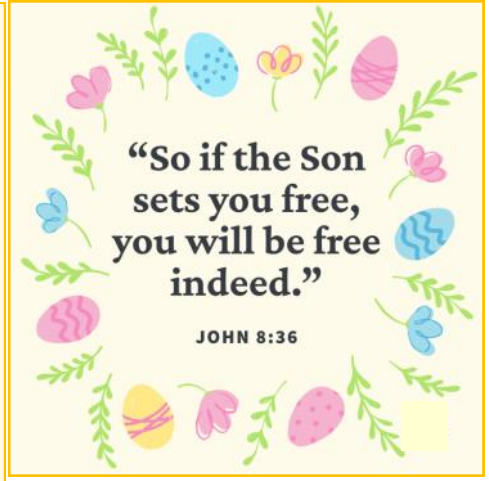
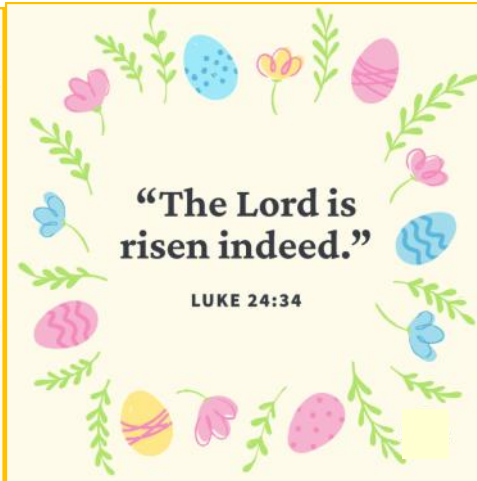
Fr David, Fr Job and Deacon Theo wish you every blessing for Easter and the Easter season. May the joy of the Risen Lord bring joy and peace to you and all those you love. Happy Easter.

PARISH EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA

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



We do have a couple of requests - if you would like to **donate** an Easter Egg for the parade prizes or if you have any books, auction items - these would be much appreciated - please leave in the church porch at St Johns over the next few weeks. 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!!



CAFOD NEWS—MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal – Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church by placing your donation in an envelope marked "CAFOD Earthquake Appeal" and putting it in the collection, 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. Catholic Church leaders, including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Cardinal Charles Maung Bo (Archbishop of Yangon in Myanmar) and our own Bishop John have asked for prayers and donations to support the people of Myanmar. To watch short video clips of all three urging us to support the people of Myanmar use the following link: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/>

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND REFLECTION SESSION

The 4th and final session will take place on Friday 25th April in St. Mary's Parish rooms starting at 12:40 pm. This free session lasts about an hour with no booking required. Everyone welcome, including newcomers! Please feel free to bring a packed lunch as there will be a short break for refreshments at the start of the session, followed by Meditation in the Newman room.

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.

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.

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' PRAYER INTENTION APRIL 2025

For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



MASS INTENTIONS

and family,

In Memoriam: James Worden, Margaret Williams, Frances Carter, Winifred Maguire, John Worden, Esther Worden, Catherine Carter, Josephine Carter, Kenneth Catterall, Margaret Carroll,

Easter Intentions: Martin and Winifred Hegarty, Peter and Eileen Kilgallen, Marie Evans, Maureen and Seamus,

Towneley chapel lamp; Colette's intentions, Mulrooney family,

Lately Dead: Margaret Sharrock, Peter Featherstone, John Foulds, Rose Jackson, Norman Trotter, Reg Brindle, John Brown,

Anniversaries: Mary McNamara, Winnifred Towler (Nee Gilbert), Alice Fortune, Fred Dixon, Bob Thomas, Maureen Ghee, Gerard Keough,

Other Intentions: Douglas Pierce, Jim and Joan Ashworth and family, Barbara Drinkwater and family, Bernadette and David Seedall and family, Bob and Kathleen Beckett, Betty Phillips



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 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 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.

CHRIST THE KING MISSIO RED BOXES

For the Christ the King Community April is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 or 07874



SVP HOUSEBOUND CARDS

A member of the SVP group has designed some cards and a posting box for parishioners to write the names of family members, friends, neighbours etc who are housebound and would like a visit from our members or are in need of help. Also anyone who would like to attend our Housebound masses. You are our voice, we can't help if we don't know, but please get the persons permission before you fill in a card and post it. We are having a trial run at St Johns but hopefully will roll it out to the other two churches. The black post box and cards are on a table at the rear of the church.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will be on **Monday 28th April at 8pm** in St Mary's parish rooms.



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 16th April was number **45**. Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ Esther St Mary's ~ Teresa Christ the King ~ Daniel**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

SINCERE THANKS

A sincere word of thanks to all who have joined us and helped in anyway to make our Lenten and Holy Week services so beautiful and meaningful.

MASSSES AND SERVICES: FOR EASTER WEEK ~ 21ST TO 27TH APRIL 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Easter Monday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	NB: Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>Easter Tuesday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am Funeral Mass at St John's for Rose Jackson RIP
Wednesday	<i>Easter Wednesday</i> 9.30 Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Easter Thursday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>Easter Friday</i> 12 Noon Mass preceded from 11.30am to 11.55am with Exposition and Reconciliation.,	
Saturday	<i>Easter Saturday</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	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</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 (*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)	

EXPOSITION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes **only** before the Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday during Holy Week.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of of of 12th and 13th April was £1384.38, for which many thanks.

Clergy Team

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