

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6TH APRIL 2025 YEAR C

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Churches of

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

The Jews in today's Gospel bring to Jesus a woman who has broken God's law, for which the punishment is death by stoning. The story warns us about being too quick to take the high moral ground. He invites the one who is without sin to throw the first stone at her. Which of us is without sin? None of us, of course! We must learn from the example of Jesus. He was the only one in that scene who was of course without sin but even though he condemned the woman's sin, He refused to condemn her. It is not that sin did not matter to him, of course it did. That is why he says at the end; "go and from now on, sin no more!", But he was able to distinguish between the sin and the sinner. He condemned the sin but pardoned the sinner, while asking them to change their ways.



The compassion and forgiveness of Jesus is life-giving. The woman went away free, free to regain her self-respect. Jesus reminds us that people can change if they are given the chance. As Christians we are called to live like Jesus asked us to live. Jesus taught us to be forgiving of the wrongs of others if we want to be forgiven our sins by God.

The mission of the Church is to be a place of forgiveness so that those of us who fail may also receive the love and compassion of the One who refused to condemn. As our Lenten journey heads directly towards Good Friday, when the "One without sin" was condemned and put to death on the Cross, let us reflect on how much closer our Lenten commitments have brought us to Our Lord now than on Ash Wednesday.

MASSES AND SERVICES IN THE PARISH MAUNDY THURSDAY TO HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The services for this year's Triduum will take place at St Mary's church as follows.

Maundy Thursday (17th April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm with the church remaining open for "watching" until 11pm.

Good Friday (18th April)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday (19th April)

Easter Vigil Mass at 8.15pm



OTHER SERVICES ON GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY

Family Stations of the Cross: This will be held on **Good Friday at Christ the King church** at 10.30am. All are welcome. Any children wishing to have a role in this service should arrive by 10.15am.

Quiet Hour with the Cross This will take place at **St John's church at 6.30pm on Good Friday**. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer with Office of Readings: This will be celebrated in **St Mary's church at 9.30am on Holy Saturday 19th April**. All are welcome

SPUC WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND!

There will be a retiring collection in all of our churches this weekend. Please pick up from the back of church (a) White Flowers to wear, and (b) a postcard to take away, complete and send to the government asking that it supports the UN Convention on the Rights of Children. Thank you.

MUSIC PRACTICE FOR THE TRIDUUM—NEXT SUNDAY

All singers and musicians across the parish are invited to a practice for the music for the Triduum. The practice will be at 2.00pm on Palm Sunday, 13th April in St. Mary's church. Bring your voices and your instruments, if you play one and enjoy preparing together for this most important time in the Church's year.



SPRING TIDY UP AT ST. JOHN'S — THIS THURSDAY



Is happening Thursday April 10th from 11.00am. If you are free you're welcome to join in - a litter pick across the grounds, some weed removal, a trimming of the garden, bench shine and anything else that you may have noticed ...there will be a cup of tea available too!

PARISH EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA

Our Parish "Easter Eggstravanga" 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!!

ST MARY'S CLEANING TEAM SEEK SUPPORT

The cleaners work for just one hour every Tuesday at 1.00pm. If you can help, you will be most welcome to join the team. Just call Seamus on 01282 420294. Thank you.

Pope Francis

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY PILGRIMAGES

Our diocesan Youth Ministry Team is organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/ministry/prayer-and-pilgrimage>

CAFOD NEWS

CAFOD's Latest Campaign Action – As was mentioned in the Fast Day appeal talks, the UK Government has decided to cut the overseas aid budget meaning that it will be at its lowest level since 1999. The result will be that in some of the most vulnerable places on earth, more people will die and many more will lose their livelihoods. Therefore, CAFOD is asking us to contact our MPs urgently and ask them to take action to ensure that the UK does not turn its back on those most in need. CAFOD have prepared a pre-written email which you can send to our local MP, Oliver Ryan. Just use this link to act: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/>

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

Lately Dead: Pauline Waters, Eileen Lawrenson, Rose Jackson, Eddie McMenamin, Cynthia Hughes, John Foulds, Norman Trotter,

Birthday Intentions: Martin Frazer, Stephen Gleeson.

In Memoriam: Margaret Dillon

Anniversaries: Winnie Igoe, Thomas Green (jnr), Catherine Ford, Giovanna Albanese, Rosemary Campion. Maud Walsh,

Other Intentions: Veronika Kanouska, Special Intention, June Berry. In thanksgiving 80th Birthday,



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 .



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 882132 to arrange collec-

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.

Strung Sung Supper at St John's Parish Hall

This event will be held at 7.30pm at St John's parish hall on Friday 9th May and will feature live music provided by Fr David and the Strung Sung Band . Details of tickets availability and other information will be published in next week's newsletter.

HOME BLESSINGS WITH DEACON THEO

Thanks to those who have already asked for their home to be blessed by Deacon Theo. If anyone else would like to have their home blessed, please arrange a convenient time by getting in touch with Deacon Theo on 01282 422007 or email: Theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will be on Monday 7th April at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.



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.

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 philipjohn1987@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 2nd April was number **33**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Roy

St Mary's ~ Donna

Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 7TH APRIL 2025 TO SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday

St John Baptiste de la Salle

9.30am St. Mary's

Tuesday

Lent Weekday

12.00 noon at St John's **NB: Only one Mass today**

Wednesday

Lent Weekday

10.15am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Eileen Lawrenson RIP

NB: Only one Mass today

Thursday

Lent Weekday

9.30am Christ the King NB: Only one Mass today

Friday

St. Stanislaus

6.30am Lenten Mass at St Mary's

12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation 11.30 to 11.55.

6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St John's

Saturday

Lent Weekday

9.30am Mass at St Mary's 10.30am—11.30am Reconciliation and Exposition

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

(*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

For all our Holy Week Masses and Services please see P1 of the Newsletter

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

Early Morning Friday Lenten Mass

There will be an extra Mass **4th April** at **6.30am** at **St Mary's** and on all Fridays of Lent. It will be followed by breakfast in the parish rooms afterwards for all present.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations will be celebrated in a different church each week. This week the service will be at **St John's church** at **6.00pm** on **Friday 10th April**.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 29/30 March was £1458.14 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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