

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9TH MARCH 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



#### Churches of

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

After Jesus is baptised we are told by St Luke that Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit was led by the Spirit to the wilderness for forty days and during that time he was tempted. It was a time of prayer and fasting for Jesus which led to him to start his public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom, preaching, teaching and healing. A wilderness time is a time to be purified and there is plenty of time on his hands because he was free of commitments and responsibilities.

At the end of the 40 days, when Jesus is physically weak but spiritually strong, we are told Satan really took Jesus to task. At the heart of each of the temptations Satan tries to get Jesus to think of himself rather than obedience to his Father and his



mission. Feed yourself; make yourself rich; Take the initiative yourself by putting God to the test: At the heart of all these temptations is pride. Our

heads can sometimes be turned at the promise of satisfying our needs / appetite, and the attractiveness of fortune and fame. Not once does Jesus break faith with God and he entirely defeats Satan.

Lent is also a time for us to spend in the wilderness. We are to create a wilderness time by living more simply and having more time for God in prayer. Our Lenten journey should help us become a better person more dependent on God and much stronger in our resistance to temptation to sin through the rest of the year.

#### LENTEN SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Wednesday 5th March marked the start of Lent. There are a number of Masses and services to mark and support our journeys through the holy season. Please come to as many as you can.

#### Early Morning Friday Lenten Mass

There will be an extra Mass **14th March** at **6.30am** at **St Mary's** and on all Fridays of Lent. It will be followed by tea/coffee/toast in the parish rooms afterwards for all present



#### Stations of the Cross

The Stations will be celebrated in a different church each week. The next of these will be at **St Mary's church at 6.00pm on Friday 7th March.**

#### Lenten Station Mass

There is just one Deanery Lenten Station Mass, which Bishop John will celebrate **Mass at St Mary's church on Thursday 27th March at 7.00pm.**

### STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**, students from the Cathsoc at UCLAN Preston Campus are joining us for a time of prayer in St Mary's church. The event will start around 5.30pm and include a tour of church, time of Exposition, Vespers, Benediction, and afterwards we go into the Parish rooms for pizza and other refreshments. Students and young adults aged 18 years and over are very welcome to join us.

### CAFOD NEWS—1ST SUNDAY IN LENT—9TH MARCH 2025

**Lent Family Fast Day - Family Fast Day is on Friday 14 March.** The CAFOD group volunteers from our parish will give a talk and make an appeal this weekend. We are asked on Family Fast Day to eat simply in solidarity with our sisters and brothers, to pray for those in need and for the work of CAFOD and to give what we can. Please join with the CAFOD community this Family Fast Day to help communities like Lokho's in Kenya. To find out more about CAFOD's work in Kenya or to donate online use this link: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/lent-appeal>

**Lenten Soup Lunch - On Friday 28th March** the parish CAFOD group and supporters will be hosting a Lenten soup lunch to raise funds for CAFOD's vital work. This year the soup lunch will be held in St Mary's Parish Rooms after the midday Mass. Please come along to support this event that is very much needed after the recent cuts to the aid budget.

### ST MARY'S MEMORIAL CORNER—A PEEK INTO HISTORY

Peek into our community past with the new photo display at the back of church. Our record of our men who died in WWI has been transferred into a folder which is set out there.

We will be displaying booklets of people who have recently had their Funeral Mass / Service at St Mary's to enable your remembrance and to ask for your prayers. Older ones will be filed aside soon.

**A Brief history and Short Guided Walk around the Church:** The leaflet has been updated and is now available for your interest.

### PLEA FOR HELP WITH ONE OF OUR WAR-DEAD

We are looking for information about William Singleton who was killed on 2nd July 1916 aged 18 and is of a parish family. If you have any information please contact Barbara on 07930 508 209.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND REFLECTION SESSIONS AT SAINT MARY'S

The Sessions will be in St Mary's Parish Rooms, and will consist of four sessions taking place on Fridays on the following dates: **21st March; 4th and 25th April**. Each session starts at 12:40pm and will last about 1 hour, all are free of charge and can be attended as a block or on an individual basis. No booking is required, and everyone is welcome. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch as there will be a short break for refreshments at the start of each session, followed by Meditation and Reflection in the Newman Room.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated in 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 Tuesday 1st July**. Young people living in the parish, who are in school year 8 or older and who have been through the parish Sacramental Programme are eligible to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested **please contact Fr David by 31st 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.



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION MARCH 2025

*For families in crisis.*

*Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

*Hope is on the other hand a gift and a task for every Christian. It is a gift because it is God who offers it to us. Hoping, in fact, is not a mere act of optimism, like when we sometimes hope for good weather. No, hoping is waiting for something that has already been given to us; salvation in God's eternal and infinite love. To hope is to savour the wonder of being loved by God. Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put good use for the sake of all.*



### KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will be on Monday 10th March at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.



### Lenten Lancashire Martyrs talks by Fr John Broadley at St Mary's RC church, Oswaldtwistle

7pm Tuesday 13th March on Blessed Robert Nutter and Venerable John Nutter.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Seamus McGahon, John Whitaker, Brian Flynn, Rosalia Sessini, Michelle Sharples, Rose Callan, Ann Cairns, Jenna Heyes, Margaret McBride, Margaret Drummond, Alma Stephenson, Peter Hovington,

**Birthday Memoriam:** Bill Salmon

**In Memoriam:** Brenda and Mary Gibson, Anthony Joseph Whittle

**Anniversaries:** Jerry Kelleher, Peggy Purcell, Peggy Conlon, Albert Fell, Anne Canning, William Bryson, Sean Taylor, John Haygarth, Margaret Melling,



### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025—UPDATE

This Sunday, the remaining children in year 3 (and over) from the parish will be presented onto the Parish Sacramental Programme in preparation for celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the coming months. Please pray for this children during this important time.

### Prayer at the Start of Lent

*From dust we come, to dust we will return:  
We belong to God  
Bless us now at the beginning of Lent;*



*Hear our regrets, our prayers, our dreams  
Keep us close to you, God  
Keep us close to you.  
Amen.*

### SALFORD PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025



Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in joining as a Youth (16-35) volunteer group in Lourdes this year from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August (travel by coach). It is still possible to express interest by contacting Deacon Theo. There have been a number of kind offers of substantial financial support for the pilgrimage which we hope will enable anyone wishing to come on this life changing experience to do so without financial worries. Please contact Deacon Theo ([theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or 01282422007) for more information.



### 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](mailto:Theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

### ST. JOHN'S MISSIO BOOKLETS

St. John's Spring Missio Booklets now being distributed. Please see your Promoter or bring your box/monies to church. With grateful thanks from Missio for your continued caring support and prayers.

### RECLINER CHAIR AVAILABLE

A light green manually-operated recliner chair is available at no cost, but if you are able, you are asked to make a donation to the parish. It is on wheels and has had one, careful parishioner owner. Viewing and transport (locally) is available. Call Andrew on 07745 491 050.

### THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHATTSAPP GROUP

Continues to go strong with many varied items shared and is an extra layer of communication across the Parish. Recent items include prayer intentions and a link to a petition to keep the hospital shuttle bus. If you'd like to connect please contact Margaret P 07751 025178. And we ask our Whatsappers to share with any none Whatsappers in a more traditional manner - over a cup of tea!!

### 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.

### 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 6th March was number **58**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Glenda St Mary's ~ Norbert Christ the King ~ Rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

**MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2025 TO SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025**

**Please note the changes this week**

- Monday** *Lent Weekday*  
9.30am St. Mary's  
**1.15pm Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Ann Cairns RIP ,**
- Tuesday** *Lent Weekday*  
**10am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Jenna Heyes RIP**  
12.00 noon St. John's
- Wednesday** *Lent Weekday*  
9.30am St Mary's  
**1.00pm Funeral Service at St Mary's for Margaret McBride RIP**  
7.00pm St John's
- Thursday** *Lent Weekday*  
9.30am St Mary's                      10.00am St John's
- Friday** *Lent Weekday*  
**6.30am Lenten Mass at St Mary's**  
**9.30am Mass at St Mary's NB: No Reconciliation with Exposition today**  
**6.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary'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** ***Second Sunday of Lent***  
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 starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass in church, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection , not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 1st / 2nd March was £ 1477.89, for which many thanks.

**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.**



**Clergy Team**

Parish Priest: Fr David Featherstone                      St  
Mary of the Assumption    01282 422007  
Assistant Priest Fr Job Zirra                                      St John  
the Baptist  
Deacon                      Rev Theo Sharrock                      St Mary of the Assumption    01282 422007



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
If you, or someone you know cannot get to church in their home, please ask their permission,

**Christ the King**

Healey Mount  
BURNLEY BB11 2QJ

**St Mary of the Assumption**

3 Todmorden Road  
Burnley BB10 4AU

**St John the Baptist**

Bracewell St  
Burnley BB10 1TB