

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan



## NEWSLETTER

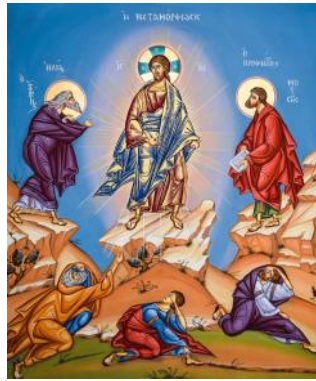
### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

25TH FEBRUARY 2024 YEAR B

Churches of

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

As our Lenten promises and commitments start to kick-in, the Church always gives us on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the Transfiguration to remind us about what the whole purpose of Lent is. The voice of the Father on the top of the mountain in today's Gospel affirms who Jesus is to his disciples but asks only one thing of them; to listen to him. Therefore, when Jesus says he will suffer and die at the hands of people but rise again on the third day then they need to listen to him. This will later help them to understand what the whole point of Jesus mission was about. Listening to Jesus should also transform us and change us; the whole point



of Lent is to transform and change us to hopefully be much closer to Christ at Easter than we were at the beginning of Lent. Listening to Jesus is going to involve obeying God's will for us and paying attention to the teaching of the Church.

So, the message of the second Sunday of Lent is hope; we are alive and where there is life there is hope. Hope tells us to keep moving forward, to keep trusting, keep looking for signs of God in our lives and in the lives of other people. Listening to Christ, trusting his Word and responding generously to gives our own lives a renewed purpose and gives hope to others..

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#### LENT 2024



During Lent we are called to prepare ourselves for Our Lord's passion, death and Resurrection. We focus on the three Lenten areas of prayer, self sacrifice and giving as we prepare. The parish offers a number of support opportunities to help us on our journey.

#### "Walk with Me" Lenten booklets and Calendars

These resources, available at the back of each church, lead us through Lent with prayers and contemplations, as we help prepare ourselves.

#### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Mondays of Lent at 6pm as follows: 26th Feb at Christ the King: 4th March at St John's: 11th March at St Mary's: 18th March at Christ the King.

#### Early Morning Lenten Friday Mass

As from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Mass will be celebrated at 6.30am each Friday of Lent at St Mary's followed by breakfast in the parish rooms for those present.

#### DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES 7PM THURSDAYS, WITH RECONCILIATION FROM 6.15PM

29TH FEB ; ST MARY'S, OSWALDTWISTLE ~ 7TH MARCH ; ST JAMES ,RAWTENSTALL ~ 14TH MARCH; SACRED HEART, COLNE.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** John Cavanagh, Terry Long, Terence Blevins, Joe and Dorothy McKean, Anne Elizabeth Lister, Marcella Varey, John Teggart, Elizabeth Ball, Nora Mills.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Macken, Terry Opacic, James McKune, Margaret Shaw, George and Eileen Fletcher, Norah Simms, Marie Breslin, Catherine Mary Hoyle,

Mary Dixon, Harry Frazer, Mary B Frazer

**Other Intentions:** Geraldine Collins, Canon David Ryder, Tressa Byrom, Michelle Clegg, and the Macken family, Special Intention, for a full recovery, Benny and Norma Chadwick, Monsignor Ronnie Brown, Diamond Jubilee.



### TEA DANCE AT ST JOHN'S—POSTPONED

The next Tea Dance which was to be held at St John the Baptist on February 28th unfortunately has had to be postponed watch this space for further details.

### COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARY'S—CANCELLED SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

Because Burnley FC will have a match at 1.00pm next Sunday, the Coffee Morning and Home Produce Stall are cancelled next Sunday, 3rd March. Apologies but we are seeking to avoid congestion on the Car Park which many fans use.

### CAFOD NEWS FEBRUARY 2024



**Family Fast Day:** Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal and to those who were able to attend the Friday Mass and soup lunch. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good. Please continue to pray that our brothers and sisters around the world have what they need to feed their families.

### UPCOMING PARISH CELEBRATIONS!!

**Easter Egstravaganza Sunday April 7th** we're thinking muffins and bacon / sausage butties, tombola mini auction, and an Easter Bonnet parade - aimed at the "younger end" however do remember we are all "Children of God" - there will be prizes!!

**The Summer Sizzler this year is Sunday July 7th** - where we ask anyone who can entertain us, paint faces, run raffles..... actually just about everything is welcome.....!

Both celebrations are based at St Johns beginning after Sunday Mass with the aim to bring our whole parish community together socially whilst raising funds. Both celebrations are at the early planning stage and if you would like to offer anything—especially time—please let Margaret P 07751 025178 know. **Thanks!**

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated by each Deanery throughout the Diocese. Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley on Tuesday 25th June. 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 24th 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.

### MONDAY MORNING MASS AT ST. MARY'S

As there is a funeral on Monday morning, there will not be tea and toast this Monday. 26th February.

### PARISH BONUS BALLGAME—WINNERS!

Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 7th February was number 55



Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Margaret**

**St Mary's ~ Maureen**

**Christ the King ~ Tim**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### "THE BIG PICTURE"

The Big Picture is the title of our new DVD course which is an Inspirational Bible Course. The course consists of 12 sessions, which will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. This will be held in St Mary's parish Rooms at 12.30pm. **The next meeting will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024

Please note the changes this week.

### Monday

*Lent Weekday*

**8.00am Lenten Mass at Blessed Trinity College,**

**10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Anne Elizabeth Lister RIP**

**6.00pm Stations of the Cross at Christ the King**

### Tuesday

*Lent Weekday*

9.30am St Mary's

**NB: Only one Mass today.**

### Wednesday

*Lent Weekday*

9.30am Christ the King

7.00pm St John's

### Thursday

*Lent Weekday*

9.30am St Mary's

10.00am St John's

**7.00pm Lenten Station Mass, St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle**

### Friday

*St David*

**6.30am Lenten Mass at St Mary's**

12.00 noon St Mary's preceded at 11.30am to 11.55am Reconciliation and Exposition

### Saturday

*Lenten Weekday*

9.30am St. Mary's

10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's

**Vigil Masses:**

6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with  
Reconciliation and Exposition

6.30pm St Mary's

### Sunday

*3rd 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

### Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)



**Please support Fr David, as both our Parish Priest and our Dean, by attending the Lenten Station Mass on Thursday in Oswaldtwistle if you can. Thank you.**

### CARITAS PARISH APPEAL—THANK YOU

Very many thanks for the wonderful response to the Caritas Sunday Appeal. Your most generous donations will be used across the Diocese of Salford to support the vital work which Caritas carries out in our communities.

The link on the Caritas page on the parish website takes you to the Caritas home page with current information about Caritas Salford, including the 'Every Step Challenge for 2024'.

### COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



This is a grocery targeted for those people who are having difficulties in the cost of living crisis. You pay a registration fee of £5 for the year, and can then shop weekly (or more often if need be) for £4 per visit — the usual 'shop' is equal to about £20/£30 in any other supermarket. The two shops are 1) in the shopping centre square above New Look, and 2) Valley St near the cemetery. They're open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm. Just drop in, see and buy!



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 £14,000** 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.

**Thank you all!**

### Clergy Team

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