

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
13TH MARCH 2022 **YEAR C**



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE WEEKEND'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On the mount in North Galilee on which Jesus was transfigured, His clothes became as bright as the light and shone like the sun. On one side was Moses on the other Elijah, who represent the Law and the prophets. A cloud symbolising the presence of God overshadowed them, God's voice from the cloud utters affirming words: "This is my Son the chosen one, listen to him." Peter speaking for the apostles was inclined to extend the moment for a duration, but the Lord knew they had to come back down the mountain and face his terrible Passion and Death and all that went with it, before he could attain that future glory.

On Mount Calvary, the sky would be dark. the face of Jesus would not be dazzling like light but covered in blood and sweat. His clothes would not dazzle instead they would be taken from him. For companions he would not have Moses and Elijah but two



criminals. There would not be any voice from Heaven, just the sound of those mocking and jeering him. The disciples apart from John would be shattered and would want no part in what was happening. Lent is a time for us to prepare well for the glory of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. Jesus encourages us to grow closer to him in faith and love. It is a time to get our lives back on track and move away from selfishness and sin. The Lord asks us to keep on trusting him, keep on following him and not be afraid because he is always with us on this pilgrimage of life journeying towards the Promised Land of heaven.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine at 9.00pm
A parishioner has suggested that we each ask God's help for the situation in Ukraine *by saying a private prayer at 9.00pm every evening.* The suggestion is that we should say the 'Hail Mary' asking the Queen of Peace for help.

"Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." We ask you, Lord, to bring your gift of peace to the people of Ukraine, and into the hearts of our world leaders. Amen

Ukraine Appeal

Both Caritas and CAFOD are involved in the major appeal for monetary donations, so there are choices on how to do it if you wish to help.

CAFOD is part of the Disaster Emergency Committee so their address will take you there: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

Caritas as you to donate through their international section, to protect funds, and to help in a wider range of refugee problems.. If you wish to simply donate, go to **caritas.org**.

Please also look at the CAFOD item inside for further help for people in need.

Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.

Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Michael Horrocks, David Rambadt, Maureen Tattersall, Kathleen Lord, May Savage, Geoff Knowles, Margaret Shaw, Nasreen Sultana.

Birthday memorial: Christine Ostle



Other intentions: Margaret Duerden's intentions, the Legion of Mary, Aunty Winnie, Parish of the Good Samaritan,

Anniversaries: Mary Ferguson, Elizabeth Gaughan, John Haygarth, Keith Parker, Margaret Mellville Edwards, Kathleen Hamilton., Michael John Toman,

Knights of St Columba News

Did you know..... Our local Knights originated and are responsible for the annual distribution of the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' posters nationwide? It's one of many good works for many different local and national charities. They recently donated £4,000 from the money they raised with the Poster Campaign. This went to:

£1,000 to the Ukraine Appeal

£1000 to the John Foster Home for Boys in India (which complements the home for girls which (Mother) St Teresa raised for girls).

£1,000 to one of our Diocesan priest who is leading a children's pilgrimage

£500 to Mary's Meals a charity which feeds people in countries of drought and famine

£500 for Action for Youth

The Knights are a friendly and positive organisation. If you would like to know more about or join in their work and social activities please call Ray on 07940260034.

"Jesus taught us that the diabolical evil of violence is answered only with the weapons of God: with prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war" Pope Francis

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is now to be celebrated by each Deanery throughout the Diocese of Salford. Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley on Thursday 16th June. Young people living in the parish, who are in school year 8 or 9 and who have been through the parish Sacramental Programme are now eligible to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested please contact Fr David who will give you further details and a Parental Consent Form.



COVID GUIDANCE IN CHURCH

In accordance with Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales we have very recently introduced some relaxations to Covid regulations in the parish:

- ~ **We continue to request that adults continue to wear face coverings** and sanitize their hands before entering church.
- ~ Hymn books and communal singing has been reintroduced.
- ~ Holy Communion can again be received in the hand or in the mouth.
- ~ Holy Water stoups have been refilled
- ~ Our stewards will continue to welcome us and cleanse the church.
- ~ The Distribution of Holy Communion will revert to how it was pre-Pandemic (i.e. processing, starting from the front rows and unsupervised by the stewards)
- ~ Please say Amen when receiving Holy Communion.

Please continue to take care, as the virus, though it seems to be less virulent, is still prevalent.

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.



DEANERY LENTEN MASS AT ST JOHN'S—JOIN THE SINGING

The first of this years Deanery Lenten Station Masses will be celebrated in the Good Samaritan Parish at St Johns 7pm March 24th and there is a request for all who enjoy singing or playing an instrument to gather and lead our music.

Meeting at 6pm on the same evening will give us a chance, yes you've guessed it, to ensure we are all singing from the same hymn sheet! You are very welcome.



ST MARY'S CHURCH—GOOD NEWSB MAIN AD NEWS



They've started the repair work!!! Maysands Ltd, the main contractors arrived on site on Monday to commence their restorative work on the church roof at St Mary's. The work will require a lead time of 8 weeks in total so they will complete the required works on Friday 22nd April. As promised we will continue to keep you posted with progress.

Vandalism: We are sorry to report that over the last few days, further small windows have been broken at the Parish Rooms at St Mary's and sadly three small stained glass windows above the baptistry in St Mary's church have also been smashed. **Please remain vigilant—do not engage, but report any suspicious behaviour around the St Mary's church area by calling 999.** Thank you.

CAFOD News and Call for Actions

Support Refugees

Our bishop, Rt Rev John Arnold, Chair of Trustees at CAFOD, along with more than 1000 faith leaders from across the UK, have written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson, urging him to reconsider the Nationality and Borders Bill. CAFOD is now asking us to back this up by urging the government to push for peace in Ukraine and safety for refugees. We can do this by **sending a pre-written email to the Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary; it is very simple, just follow the link to get involved:**

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/100468/action/1>



Lent Family Fast Appeal

This Fast Day, Friday 11th March, we remembered the many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. Your donations will be shared between the Lent Family Fast Day Appeal to fight malnutrition and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/Lent>

Stand with Human Rights Defenders

CAFOD's latest campaign is urging the UK government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harm. If we are to tackle the climate crisis and global poverty, we must address the destruction linked to the UK.

Please send the pre-written letter the local MP. Just follow the link: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Human-rights>

FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



Sadly the need for the Foodbank is likely to grow, so the appeal has to continue. There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £11.500 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£70.00** being donated during February.

Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.



Pope Francis' Prayer for March

A Christian Response To Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

*Stay with us
Lord
on our
journey*



ROLL OF CLOTH We have one 4ft wide roll of white material available to donate to anyone who can make use of it. Please contact Fr David.

PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES 14TH TO 20TH MARCH 2022

As we get into our Lenten journey, we have additional services and Masses to help us to better observe Lent. They are marked in **bold** below, with details of the Lenten Station Masses lower on the page.

Monday	<i>Lent Weekday</i> 9.30am St John's 7.00pm Christ the King	1.30pm Funeral Service for David Rambadt at St John's
Tuesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	9.30 Christ the King (No other Mass; Deanery Conference)
Wednesday	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	9.30am Funeral Mass for Margaret Shaw at St John's 7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Patrick</i> 9.30am Christ the King	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> 6.30am Christ the King Early Lenten Mass 9.30am St John's 7.00pm Station of the Cross at St John's	
Saturday	<i>St Joseph</i> 9.30am Christ the King Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's	6.30pm Christ the King
Sunday	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Christ the King: 9.15am and 5.00pm St John's: 9.30am* and 11.00am (9.30am* Mass will be live-streamed)	

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass. (Except Friday 6.30m Mass in Lent)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays as follows:
10.30—11.30am at Christ the King (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
5.15pm—5.55pm at St John's (No Exposition)

LENT IN THE PARISH

The Parish will have additional regular services to help us focus on our journey through Lent

Friday Early Morning Masses



To enable those who work to get to Mass during Lent, we will be offering Mass on the six Fridays of Lent at Christ the King church at 6.30am. The next of these will be on this Friday March 18th.

Stations of the Cross

These will be held on Fridays of Lent at 7pm as follows:



18th March St John's
25th March at Christ the King
1st April at St John's
8th April at Christ the King

LENTEN STATION MASSES IN ST JOHN VIANNY DEANERY

Station Masses for Lent within our Deanery will be celebrated as follows:

Thurs 24th March ~ St John Burnley. Thurs 31st March ~ St Mary's, Clayton Le Moors.

Thurs 7th April ~ St Anselm's, Whitworth. All the Masses will start at 7.00pm

The homily at all three Masses will be given by Fr Ian Kelly.

Fr David is, of course the Dean and will welcome all your support. **We are planning to put on a coach from the parish to the Mass at Whitworth as it is a little bit further out for us.**

If you would like to join the singers at St John's Mass on 24th March please arrive at 6.00pm

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