The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of
- Christ the King
- St Mary of the Assumption
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Burnley

NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY

31ST MARCH 2024 **YEAR B**

In the Gospel story for Easter Sunday, Peter and John run towards the empty tomb, and as they see the signs for themselves they are able to believe: the cloths rolled and the empty tomb. They did not actually see the Risen Jesus but these signs were enough. Suddenly the penny drops for them, what Jesus had told them is totally true; He is risen and it is great news. It means that all he had done with them, all that they had seen and heard him do and say, made sense. It had all been worthwhile and their hopes and dreams which the horrors of Good Friday had wrecked were no longer shattered but in fact they were more alive than ever. We also share their faith that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the life of each of us is now given a purpose and a promise.

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Everyone loves to see new life, whether it is a baby chick, or a new born baby, or even a little lamb running around the field. The fact that Jesus died for us on the cross but is risen from the dead, is so central to our Christian faith. This fact changes everything; it make sense of everything for us. It means death and sin no longer have any hold over us and it also means that God and life will now always have the last word over Satan and death.

Jesus confirms us our faith, we are a community of believers whose common faith strengthens the faith of each individual.

EASTER MESSAGE

Fr Job and Fr David are very grateful to everyone for their involvement in our services and Masses throughout Lent and for all who have made the Easter Triduum go so well. We wish you a peaceful and joyful Easter.

PARISH EASTER "EGGSTRAVAGANZA" - NEXT SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Our Parish ***"Easter Eggstravaganza"*** rolls closer! It's based at St Johns starting at 12noon. ● Can you create an Easter Bonnet?! Bring it along and join in the Easter Bonnet Parade inside the parish hall - with prizes!! On the day there's: ● design an Easter egg colouring competition, ● ever seen homes under the hammer? - well we have several smaller items available in our mini auction, ● the tombola will be causing excitement ● and there's a raffle - of course! All happening ● whilst munching away on bacon/sausage butties, marvellous muffins, cupcake delights! One request: ● if you would like to donate an Easter egg (until Easter Sunday) for the parade prizes that would be great! There's a box at the back of each church. Any monies raised will be used for parish funds

Come and have Fun!! **Thanks to all!!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Jennifer Sugrue, Eileen O'Donnell, Kathleen Woodward, May Johnson, Denis Robson, Terry Long, Eric Sie Fat, George Ragen, Mary Gallagher.

Other Intentions: Tressa Byrom, Pat and Bill Tracey, Tess and James Corrigan, Diamond Wedding Anniversary, in thanksgiving for 60 years of happy marriage,

Birthday Memoriam: Kathleen Worden

Anniversaries: Ray and Anne Harrison, Maud Walsh, George Dyer, Thomas Green Jnr, Brian Ennis,, John Featherstone,

Easter Intentions: Gonzalez and Summers families, Mary Fleming, Kathleen Worden, James Worden, Margaret Williams, Francis Carter, Esther Worden, Catherine Carter, Margaret Carroll, Winifred Masure, Jimmy Carter, Josephine Carter,

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE EASTER OCTAVE: MONDAY 1ST APRIL TO SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

Please note the changes this week.

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday	9.30am St Mary's	**NB: Only one Mass today.**
Tuesday	9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's

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

Friday 12.00noon St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition from 11.30 to 11.55.

Saturday 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 ***Second Sunday of Easter***

24th March

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The deadline for handing in applications has now passed. The young people who have applied will be commencing their preparation very soon. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for the weekend of 23/24 March was £1661.23, for which many thanks.

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 27th March was number **9**

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

St John's ~ Rose **St Mary's ~** Seamus Christ the King **~** Kathleen

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Thanks to all those who organised and supported the first KSC Quiz at St Mary's Parish Rooms . It looks like this can become a regular event.

Our next quiz will be at 8pm on Monday 8th April. All are welcome

Bring your own beer, wine or preferred drink—we have the glasses!

"THE BIG PICTURE"

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