

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of: Christ the King St Mary of the Assumption St John the Baptist BURNLEY



## NEWSLETTER

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12TH APRIL 2026

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**Divine  
Mercy  
Sunday**

In today's gospel the Risen Jesus comes to his disciples on that first Easter Sunday and the disciples are then able to see their Lord and Saviour and they are able to believe. However Thomas is missing, so when he hears the others have seen the Lord he cannot believe it, he cannot accept that the Lord can have risen after such a terrible death that he had endured. We are told 8 days later that Jesus comes to the disciples again and this time Thomas is there and Jesus brings peace and reconciliation because if he has not done so, there was a danger Thomas was going to become isolated from the others by his lack of faith. Jesus is gentle but firm with Thomas and is able to help him to move away from doubts. Jesus is a bridge builder between Thomas and the disciples and they are then able to be reconciled to be able to move on in their vital work together and to be united and friends once again. At the end he goes onto make an



enormous leap of faith: " My Lord and my God!"

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday which fits in nicely with John's account of the Easter story where Jesus breathes on the disciples giving them the Holy Spirit and empowering them to forgive sins: The

whole point of his death and Resurrection is to reconcile sinners with God. It also coincides with the story of Thomas where the Lord is merciful with him despite his doubts.

We give thanks for our Easter faith, the Lord is risen and he is alive in our world and within ourselves. May he help us to journey with him as beacons of hope, offering his peace, love, reconciliation and the new life that comes through believing in him. May we also learn from Thomas' journey of faith which led him to be prepared to die out of his faithfulness to His Lord and God in bringing the Gospel to the world.

### THANK YOU!

*As a parish we say an enormous 'thank you' to Fr David, Fr Theo and Canon David (Ryder) for their wonderful work to celebrate the Easter Triduum. All three*



*services were spiritually uplifting and delivered with reverence and dedication. It was a truly enriching experience.*

*Thank you all.*

### NEW CATHOLICS - CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

**Congratulations** to the five people from the parish who were baptised and welcomed into Full Communion with the Church at this last weekend's Easter Vigil Mass: Josh, Izzy, Jake, Adam and Natalie. Please also pray for those who were received into Full Communion with the Church at the same Mass; David, Ethan, Sophie. May many blessings come upon us all through this grace filled experience.

**Welcome!** As a community we welcome all eight people who became full members of the Church and the parish at the Easter Vigil Mass. It was a truly inspiring and encouraging event. We hope we, as your new community, can help and support you all in your growth in faith and service.

**Welcome!**

### PARISH CELEBRATION FOR EASTER—ST. JOHN'S THIS SUNDAY!

A "Parish Celebration of Easter" takes place **THIS Sunday April 12th in St Johns Parish Hall from 11-45am**. There is a Tombola, Easter bonnet parade, colouring competition, mini auction, eggy challenges, two Easter hampers are in the raffle and there are refreshments including very Eastery hot cross buns!! Any monies raised are for Parish funds.



**Thank you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Birthday Memoriam:** Stephen Gleeson  
**Other Intentions:** Draper Family Intentions

**Lately Dead:** Antony Steciuk, Lynne Clegg, Johnny Spinks,

**Anniversaries:** Peter Featherstone, Cyril Minihan, Ernest and Winifred McKnight, Margaret Hoyle, Maragret Dempsey.



### AFTERNOON TEA AT ST MARY'S

This will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April at 12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms**. The theme for which is St George's Day and the cost will be £6.00. To book and obtain further information please Contact Elaine Tel 01282 413127 All are welcome.

### STRUNG SUNG SUPPER

This enjoyable evening will comprise of a live music featuring the band led by Fr David, pie and peas, as well as song sheets for everyone to singalong to.. It will be held at St John's Parish Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, doors open at 7pm with the band on stage at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 available from the back of each church on Sunday morning, or though Seamus Tel 01282 420294

### CAFOD NEWS APRIL 2026

**Campaigning petition:** Aiysha from Bangladesh once worked as a day labourer, barely earning enough to support her husband and son. Then, with CAFOD's help, Aiysha learned about a sustainable way of growing food called 'agroecology' that works with nature, not against it. Agroecology doesn't rely heavily on single crops, as industrial agriculture does, nor on chemicals that make farmers sick. Instead, farmers use their local knowledge to grow food that fits their specific climate, soil and culture. Since Aiysha learned about agroecology, she has almost doubled her income. Will you please help CAFOD urge the government to support sustainable food systems?

Please send a message to the Minister of International Development, Baroness Chapman, calling on the UK government to do more on this issue at - <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/183763>

### A DAY WITH THE LORD IN SOUTHPORT

On **Tuesday 28th April** we are planning a day out in Southport. We would leave Burnley around 9.30am and arrive at Holy Family RC Church in the Meols Cop area of Southport. On arrival we would have tea/coffee in the parish rooms then afterwards receive a spiritual talk by the Parish Priest Fr Kevin McLoughlin. Fr Kevin will then preach at a concelebrated Mass in the church around midday. We would then proceed towards Lord street and the promenade for lunch and time to explore. We plan to leave around 3.30pm and be home for 5pm. Our mode of transport will depend on how many people are interested; but if we work on the cost being £10 per person then we can adjust accordingly. If interested in booking a place, please call Lynne .tel 07850048538.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

These are now available at the back of each church. At St Mary's the Gift Aid boxes are labelled with your name. At Christ the King church please take a box of envelopes and look for the form inside the box, please complete form and return to the sacristy or please give to Mick Frazer or Tim McCarthy. Those who would like to start to gift aid, please also take a box , complete form inside and return to the appropriate sacristy.

### MISSIO RED BOXES

**St John's:** Please bring box/donations to church or ring Lynn 433832 for collection. The spring edition of the Mission Today booklets now being distributed. Many thanks.

**Christ the King:** Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen on [07593 854661](tel:07593854661) to arrange collection. Thank you for your amazing continuing support.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at St. Mary's church, Burnley at 7pm on Thursday 25th June.



### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026

#### For Priests In Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 13TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2026

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30 St Mary's 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's	
	<b>Vigil Masses</b>	
	6.00pm St. John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm	
	6.30m St. Mary's	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
	Christ the King: 9.15am	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 the Masses Monday to Friday. (Except before Funerals)

## Stay with us Lord on our Journey

### KSC: BFC SIGNED FOOTBALL SHIRT RAFFLE

The Grand Knight Tom Wilkinson of KSC 110 is selling numbers in a draw for a Framed Team Signed BFC Shirt 25/26. **All money raised is being equally split between Pendleside Hospice and Georgia Fourie Butterfly Fund.** Numbers are only £5 each. Draw is to be made when 100 tickets are sold. Please get in touch with a Brother or Tom (07891 124951) to buy or for more information.

### PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!

The winning Bonus ball for last Wednesday was number **37**. Congratulations to this week's winners ; St John's ~ Helen , St Mary's ~ Lynne : Christ the King ~ rollover . Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.



### THANK YOU

In 2025 St. John's community raised the generous sum of £1,069.92 through your Red Boxes and direct donations. Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries for your prayer and donations, for your caring and sharing and for your love and generosity.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 4/5 April was £2376.09, 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

### Clergy Team

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