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3rd Sunday in Lent

Pray for Ukraine



20th March 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

There have been one or two signs of spring around us as the sunshine is finding more opportunity to drive away the bleak weather of the winter months. The glimpses of sunlight carry with them the promise of longer and warmer days to come!

The word 'Lent' is quite simply an old English word for spring, and so we can understand that Lent is a time of promise, or of waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus.

Is it just me, or can we feel a little sense of revival in the parish as pandemic restrictions lift and as we find ourselves with more freedom to be more involved in parish life! Let's not be winter Christians, locking ourselves away, but let's venture out and freely share ourselves with others!

With every prayer for you and your families,
Fr Gerard.

The Solemnity of St Joseph

The Solemnity of St Joseph is on Saturday 19th March (tomorrow!) We couldn't let this Feast go by without calling on the intercession of such a heavy-weight Saint! Mass will take place at 12.00noon at Christ Church.

Lenten Soup Kitchen

This event is taking place on all six Fridays during Lent at Christ Church. We have Mass at 12.00noon, after which, a selection of quality home-made soups is served in the café area.



The Mass and lunch is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, in the context of sharing with friends and building community! We are also blessed with small groups of young children from Holy Trinity school who have a good experience of the Church when we make sure that we give them a great welcome and celebrate their presence!

Holy Hour for Ukraine

Bishop John is leading a Holy Hour to pray for peace in Ukraine at the Cathedral this Sunday, 20th March at 2:30pm. You can join in this time of prayer online at:

<https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/> (click)

Wednesday Evening Masses

The Lenten Wednesday evening Masses at Holy Saviour's are proving to be well-attended. If you are beginning to allow Lent to drift by without taking full advantage of all the graces on offer, then the Wednesday evening Mass might just be the opportunity the Lord is putting before you!

The Solemnity of the Annunciation

Next Friday, 25th March, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. On this day, the Church celebrates the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, and we are invited to look forward nine months to the birth of the Child!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 21st March, 2022

Monday 21st March	Tuesday 22nd March	Wednesday 23rd March	Thursday 24th March	Friday 25th March	Saturday 26th March	Sunday 27th March
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am HS 7.00pm	CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00	CC 12.00 noon CAFOD LUNCH	No Mass	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2	
This week:	20th March	Roger Lee	Monica McArdle
Next week:	27th March	Carol Hartley	Margaret Borman

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Elaine & Margaret B **Next week:** Siobhan & Monica

CHURCH COLLECTION

13th March, 2022: £204.80
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Brian Clay;
£10 Charlotte Hancox;
£10 Barbara Martin.
£74 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 24th, Agnes Simm (1978)
March 25th, Rev Robert Molloy (1929)
(PP Holy Trinity, 1905 to 1916)
March 25th, Elizabeth E Sumner (1972)
March 26th Margaret Darcy (1975)



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

Mass Intentions

Albert Shea, I.d.
Mary Winkley, I.d.
Kathleen Moran, I.d.
Joseph Pemberton, b'day anniv, 19th March
Bernadette Reilly, 16th anniv, 20th March.
Peggy Condon, anniv, 23rd March.
Thanksgiving for blessings received.

Out on Mission!!

Last week, I ventured along to Colne to lead the Methodist Service at St John's. I was warmly received by the members of the Church, and another bridge of relationship was built between the Catholics and Methodists in Pendle. The service was live-streamed to *Youtube* and can be accessed here:

[Methodist Service for 2nd Sunday of Lent](#)

Deanery Lenten Station Masses

The first of this year's three Deanery Lenten Station Masses will take place this coming **Thursday, 24th March** at St John the Baptist's, Ivy Street, Burnley. Mass will begin at 7.00pm. Do try to come along, and help us to develop and establish our reputation as the most committed and supportive parish in the Deanery! If thousands of people have to cope with fleeing from their own country, surely we can pop down to Mass in the next parish! If you think transport is an issue for you... it's not! We have cars and drivers only too willing to pick up passengers! Just speak to me or Ian, or call me on the number at the top of this newsletter!

My Fair Lady. Next Friday, 25th March, a group of us from the parish will be going to the Hippodrome in Colne to see *My Fair Lady*. We are now a group of twenty-four, and it promises to be a memorable evening. It will also be great to show our support for Joe Winkley who features in the show on the keyboards.

Watch this space for announcements of further Parish trips!?

Next Saturday, 26th March, the children on the **Sacramental Programme** will make their first Confession. We keep them in our prayers, and we hold in esteem the sacramental practice to which we are introducing them!