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## 2nd Sunday in Lent

Pray for Ukraine



**13th March 2022**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As with many things concerning the spiritual life, we find that worldly reasoning doesn't necessarily apply! For example, from our experience of life we know that a blazing fire will, in time, burn itself out leaving a heap of ashes as a sign of its all-consuming power—now exhausted.

The Lenten principle works in exactly the opposite way! We begin with ashes, and then from the ashes, we allow the Holy Spirit to begin to burn. When the fire of the Spirit begins to take hold in our hearts, its flame grows ever stronger, feeding on the sacrifices that we are prepared to make in order to experience the love of God more deeply in our lives.

This is the fundamental spiritual rule which governs the life of the Spirit: that from death, new life is born! Some of these 'deaths' come to us unbidden, such as loss of health, unemployment, or the death of loved ones. Experiences of failure or frustration can also bring death to our hopes and dreams.

If we can grasp this understanding of the ways in which the Lord works with us, we are beginning to understand the power of the Cross which stands as an invitation to enter into newness of life.

Strangely enough, we begin to desire to choose the way of sacrifice, and as we walk the road of sacrifice we find ourselves mysteriously growing in spiritual strength! Let's make the most of this purple season and seek out the graces and blessings that the Lord wishes to bestow on us at this time.

With every prayer for you and your families. Fr Gerard

### Lenten Soup Kitchen



This event will take place on all six Fridays during Lent, i.e 4th March through to 8th April. Soup will be served in the café area at Christ Church after the weekly **12.00 noon Friday Mass**.

We had a great crowd last week, and this Friday will be enhanced by the presence of some of the children from Holy Trinity who will join us for Mass and soup-lunch.

The Mass and lunch is a wonderful opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in the context of sharing with friends and building community! As they say, "What's not to like about that!"

### Wednesday Evening Masses at Holy Saviour's

Last week, forty people (a good lenten number!) made it to the 7.00pm Wednesday evening Mass at Holy Saviour's. We can be assured that the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving do have tangible effects in our lives as we allow the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts. Just as Jesus emerged from his desert experience with a new zeal to take up his divine mission, we too will be renewed spiritually in ways that delight us! People will ask, "What's come over you?" We will be able to reply, "It's just the Holy Spirit at work in my soul!"

## Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 14th March, 2022

Monday 14th March	Tuesday 15th March	Wednesday 16th March	Thursday 17th March St Patrick	Friday 18th March	Saturday 19th March St Joseph	Sunday 20th March
<a href="#">For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.</a>						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am HS 7.00pm	CC 10.00am	CC 12.00 noon CAFOD LUNCH	CC 12.00noon St Joseph	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
<b>This week:</b> 13th March	Joan Penny-Heys	Margaret Needham
<b>Next week:</b> 20th March	Roger Lee	Monica McArdle

**Children's Liturgy :**    **This week:** Wendy & Barbara    **Next week:** Elaine & Margaret B

### CHURCH COLLECTION

6th March, 2022: £201.00  
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

### POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Margaret Fiorentini  
£10 Mollie Lawrenson  
£10 Laura Durham  
£93 towards Parish Funds, thank you very much!



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 16th, Margaret Horner (2016)  
March 17th, Norah Moran (1967)  
March 18th, Elizabeth Littlefair (1970)  
                  Margaret Trainor ( 1999)  
                  Bernadette Reilly ( 2006)  
March 20th, Rev Fr M Hannon (1950)  
                  (PP Holy Trinity, 1941 to 1942)



*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.  
Veronica Stevens, b'day anniv, 14th March.  
Marian Korybut, I.d.  
Mary Fox's intentions and 90th birthday  
thanksgiving (16th March)  
Jean Dane, anniv, 22nd March  
Irene Rytwinski's intentions and birthday  
thanksgiving (25th March)  
John Spain, anniv.  
Hilda Spain, anniv

### Weekly activities at Christ Church. Everybody welcome!

Wednesdays:

**Toddlers' Club:** 9:45am - 11:15am. Only 50p per child including drink and snack. All preschool children and their parents/carers are welcome.

**"Talk and Do" Group:** 10:30am till 12:30pm  
£2 per session.

Fridays:

**Exercise Class:** 11am - 12noon, £4.00

### Lenten Station Masses

During this time of Lent, there will be three Station Masses taking place in different parts of the Deanery.

24th March at St John the Baptist, Burnley

31st March at St Mary's, Clayton le Moors,

7th April at St Anselm's, Whitworth

All Masses begin at 7.00pm and Fr Ian Kelly will be preaching at all three Masses.

Are we going to attend? Here I am, Lord, send me!

**My Fair Lady.** On Friday, 25th March, a group of us from the parish will be going to the Hippodrome in Colne to see *My Fair Lady*. We have a group of eighteen at the moment, but if you would like to join us, then just let me or Monica know this weekend. Transport will be arranged for you if required.