



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Pray for Ukraine



27th March 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

*For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation;
the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here (2 Cor 5:17)*

These words are spoken to us by St Paul, a man who spoke not just from his knowledge of theology, but a man who had personally undergone the life-transforming encounter with Jesus. The Church gives us this reading in Lent to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten privations which do have a purpose beyond the exercise of personal discipline and self-control. We have the task of drying out the wood, which can be arduous and boring work, but it is the necessary preparation for being set alight with the Spirit as the power of the Resurrection takes hold of us. May all that is old and worn in our hearts and minds be made new and alive by our re-creation in Christ!

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

Confirmation 2022

The Bishop will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on candidates from Years 8 and 9, (plus any older candidates who would like to be confirmed) during a Service which will take place at **St Mary's, Burnley on 16th June at 7.00pm**. Eligible candidates will have already made their first Communion. Fr Peter and Fr Gerard are now collecting names of those who would like to enter into a course of preparation in order to be able to be confirmed. The preparation sessions will take place at Christ Church at 4.00pm on the Sundays of May (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) followed by presentation of candidates at the Pentecost Masses on Sunday 5th of June, and a concluding meeting on 12th June before the actual Confirmation Service on Thursday 16th June.

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!

Wednesday Evening Masses

The Lenten Wednesday evening Masses at Holy Saviour's, 7.00pm are proving to be well-attended. The rewards of spiritual commitment far outweigh the effort we might have to put in!



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 28th March, 2022

Monday 28th March	Tuesday 29th March	Wednesday 30th March	Thursday 31st March	Friday 1st April	Saturday 2nd April	Sunday 3rd April
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	RCIA 10.00am	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 27th March	Carol Hartley	Margaret Borman
Next week: 3rd April	Jeremiah	Zachariah

Children's Liturgy : **This week:** Siobhan & Monica **Next week:** Linda & Amanda

CHURCH COLLECTION

20th March, 2022: £186.00
Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

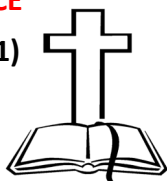
POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Marie Clark
£10 Mary Mullarkey
£10 Margaret Hillary
£90 towards Parish Funds, thank you!



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

March 29th, Alan Waddington (2021)
March 31st, Anne Moran(1954)
Mary Fallows (2009)
Irene Sumner (2021)
April 1st, Mary Ellen McCarthy (1976)



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

Charlie Sutton, anniv, 22nd March (1997)
Charlie O'Malley, anniv 23rd March
Alan Waddington, 1st anniv, 29th March
Lorraine McCamon, died recently
Claire Fitzpatrick, died recently
Anne Whalley, special intention

Deanery Lenten Station Masses

This week's Deanery Lenten Station Mass was an uplifting experience as 11 priests and a sizeable congregation gathered at St John's, Ivy St. Fr Ian Kelly, who will preach at each Mass in this short series, was reflective, dramatic, and insightful in his homily.

The second of this year's three Deanery Lenten Station Masses will take place this coming **Thursday, 31st March** at St Mary's, Clayton le Moors. Mass will begin at 7.00pm. If you would like to attend this Mass, and require transport, then just inform me or Ian Dempsey, and a lift will be arranged.

Looking ahead, the Deanery Mass for 7th April will be at St Anselm's, Whitworth

The Holy Week Services

Passion Sunday, 10th April
CC: 9.30am, HS:11.15am
Holy Thursday, 14th April
Mass of the Lord's Supper, HS: 7.00pm
Good Friday, 15th April
Solemn Service, CC: 3.00pm
Easter Vigil, 16th April
HS: 7.00pm
Easter Sunday, 15th April
CC:9.30am, HS: 11.15am

This Saturday, 26th March, the children on the **Sacramental Programme** will make their first Confession. May their inner knowledge of God's goodness bring health, happiness, and holiness to their souls!