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Mini Pilgrimage to St Mary's Holy Door, Burnley

Meeting at Christ Church at 1.30pm on Saturday, 29th November.

I have promoted this parish activity in the best way that I have been able to over the last few weeks by speaking about it in church, and offering reflections, invitations, and reminders in the parish newsletter.

And now the time is almost upon us as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the Universal King this weekend, then move towards the first weekend in Advent at the end of this coming week.

Advent is always a great time to make a new beginning with God, which doesn't mean that we just make new demands on ourselves, but that we have a new expectancy about what God wants to do for us! If only we can draw closer to him and allow him to exert the fullness of his influence over our hearts, minds, and souls!

The Lord dreamed us into being—each one of us the fruit of his infinitely loving imagination. And his dream for us is not over until we have allowed Christ to be not only the king of our lives, but to draw us into that kingship with himself. We are born into a destiny that goes beyond anything we might dream of for ourselves, so let's not settle for being mere earthlings unaware of our high calling.

Sin can be defined and described in an infinite number of ways, but one way of describing sin is to settle for something less than God has intended for our lives! The gift of faith is the ten-talent gift and under God's inspiration and guidance we are called to multiply that which has been entrusted to us!

From time to time, under the negative influences of the world, our hopes and dreams are crushed, and we need a new impetus from the Lord. And this is exactly what the Lord offers to us in this once-every-twenty-five-year Jubilee! The Plenary Indulgence, the conditions for which include a visit to a Holy Door in a Shrine Church, is that boost that we need! We are promised not only forgiveness for the sins of our lives, but freedom and healing from the harmful effects of that sin which has distanced us from God.

As a parish community we want to reach out to receive all that the Lord has to offer us, so please do join our mini-pilgrimage to St Mary's church. We will gather at 1.30pm at Christ Church for a few moments of gathering prayer in order to focus our hearts and minds onto what we are entering into, and then we will travel together in cars down to Burnley where we will be welcomed by Fr David and Father Theo. We will then pray for the Pope's intentions and reflect on our need for reconciliation with God and with all those who share in our lives.

*On the following **Wednesday, 3rd Dec**, we will hold a **Reconciliation Service at Christ Church at 7.00pm** at which four priests will be available to hear Confessions. As Jesus said to the Samaritan Woman, "If only you knew what God is offering!" Let's muster up a seed of faith, and be ready to receive from the fullness of God's generosity!*

Take care and God bless, Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 24th November 2025

Monday 24th Nov	Tuesday 25th Nov	Wednesday 26th Nov	Thursday 27th Nov	Friday 28th Nov	Sat 29th HOLY DOOR DAY	1st Sunday in Advent 30th Nov
NO MASS	Mass 10.00am C.C.	Mass 7.00pm H.S.	FUNERAL H.S. 11.00am	Mass 10.00am C.C.		C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 23rd November	Margaret Borman	Margaret Needham
Next Sunday: 30th November	Gerard Spain	Emmanuel Dwamena

Children's Church: C.C. Molly & Hannah

H.S. Family Mass

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Marie Clark	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

Maureen Fannon, RIP.

The Requiem Mass for Maureen Fannon will take place at Holy Saviour's this coming Thursday, 27th November at 11.00am. We pray for the repose of her soul, and ask the Holy Spirit to bring peace to all the family in their time of sadness.

(Please note that there will not be Mass at Christ Church on Thursday)

MASS INTENTIONS

Maureen Fannon, died recently
Vieva Halpin, anniv, 22nd Nov (2016)
Annie Winkley, anniv, 20th Nov
David Pemberton, anniv, 20th Nov
Joseph Pemberton, anniv, 28th Nov
Holy Souls

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Nov 23rd Mary J Darcy (1959)
Nov 28th Hilda Dunne (2012) aged 100
Nov 29th Robert Halstead (1983)



May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Maureen Fannon
£10.00 Tony Finnan
£10.00 Barbara Hammond
£10.00 Jackie Jennings



£72.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!

GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

1st prize £100; 2nd £75; 3rd £50; 4th £25

Over the next few weeks there is the opportunity to have as many entries as you wish. Just put a pound in one of the brown envelopes at the back of church marked with your name and contact and put it in the CHRISTMAS DRAW box.

The GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW will take place on 19th December. Thank you, Ian

CAFOD



We will be running our usual C.A.F.O.D. soup lunches on the three Fridays during ADVENT at Christ Church. These will take place after the 12.00 noon Masses to which the children from our schools will be invited. Why not make these Masses and lunches a personal Advent challenge!

CHURCH COLLECTION

Standing Orders: approx: £685 p/w.
16th Nov: £265.20.
Thank you!

"Jesus answered him, 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

Luke 23:43