

SERVICES THIS WEEK

 Feast Days	MASSES			
	Christ the King	St Mary of the Assumption	St John the Baptist	
<small>Entries in red signify a change from the norm. Where appropriate these are detailed in the 'Changes' panel below.</small>				
MON 11TH MAR	Lent Weekday	9.15	12.30	9.00
TUES 12TH	Lent Weekday	9.15	9.30	12.00 noon
WED 13TH	Lent Weekday	9.15	12.30	7.00pm
THURS 14TH	Lent Weekday	9.15	10.00	9.00
FRI 15TH	Lent Weekday	9.15	6.30am 12.30	12.00 noon
SAT 16TH	Lent Weekday	10.00	12.00	10.30
	Lent Weekday	6.30pm	6.00pm	6.30pm
SUN 17TH	2nd Sunday in Lent	9.00 10.15	9.45 11.45	9.30 11.00
OTHER SERVICES				
CHANGES / NEW Christ the King: Sat 16th Mass at 10.00 to start the Readers' Retreat Sun 17th Exposition, Confessions 2.00pm. Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm St Mary's: Fri 15th at 6.30am Lenten Mass followed by tea and toast. St John's: Fri 15th :Mass at 12.00 noon followed by CAFOD Soup Lunch	  	Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey	EXPOSITION Mon Wed Fri 12.00—12.30	Tues after Mass Sat: after morning Mass
		Sat after 9.15 Mass	RECONCILIATION Mon Wed Fri 12.00—12.30 Sat 10.30—11.30	Wed after Mass Sat 11.00—11.30 5.30—6.00
	M Tu Th F Sa 30 mins before morning Mass	ROSARY Tues Thurs Sat 20 minutes before weekday Mass		

THE NEWSLETTER

If you want an item included please either drop a note into your presbytery letterbox, or email: itemsforfrank@gmail.com or david.hartley2014@gmail.com. Thanks.

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Catholic Communities in Burnley East

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

First Sunday in Lent: 10th March 2019

Reflection by Fr David on the Gospel

Today is the first Sunday of Lent which lasts for 40 days and 40 nights. Lent is when we remember that Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray and be still and quiet for this period of time. For us, it is also a desert time, a stripping away of luxuries and things that we often take for granted. Therefore we can come closer to Christ and fittingly be ready to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection this Easter. The challenge of Lent is to take on commitments that we find hard but are able to accept them gracefully and with a joyful heart.



Lent is a time for us to try to come closer to Jesus by doing some of the things he did while he was in the desert. We tend to give up things for Lent. Perhaps you might consider having a bit of silence in your lives this Lent. Turning off the radio, TV, Ipad, the mobile, the computer and instead having some quality time to talk and listen to your friends your family and especially God. In order to listen to God, we need silence because unless we have silence we won't really be able to hear him speak to us.

As well as Giving up, Lent is also about Giving. I have put together a list of 25 things we can give during Lent. I have put a copy of these suggestions at the back of church. Perhaps you can challenge yourself to do all of them at least once during the season of Lent. They include: giving someone the last word; giving someone the benefit of the doubt; giving someone a handwritten letter and giving someone another chance.



Remember that whatever we do during Lent, the purpose is to bring ourselves closer to Our Lord. May the Lord bless your Lenten promises and enable you to be faithful to them.

What Will you do in Lent this Week?

Fr David has set the tone and the gentle challenge to 'come closer to Jesus' during Lent. Here are some opportunities to enriching your spiritual lives. Our priests and others will offer opportunities to do this.

- **Lenten talks** at Christ the King church: Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm led by Fr Ian Kelly, and Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm led by Fr David.
- **Lenten lunches** on Fridays of Lent at St John's
- **Lenten Masses** at 6.30am on Fridays of Lent at St Mary's (followed with hot toast and drinks in the Parish Rooms).
- **Stations of the Cross:** St Mary's: Thursday 14th March at 9.30am. Christ the King: Sunday 17th March at 3pm with Exposition and Confessions from 2pm. St John's: Every Wednesday in Lent at 6.30pm.
- **Lenten Talks and Studies** ; A study of "The Mystery of God" Weekly: Tuesdays at St Andrews at 7.30 and Wednesdays at St Peter's at 12.00 noon. (see note inside)



 **Mass Intentions**

Lately Dead

Margaret Nixon, Walter Ng, Mary Ingham, Theresa Hodson; Raymond Judge; Joe Smith; Martin Peter Henry; Jimmy Brennan (USA).

Anniversaries

Agnes Fletcher; Joseph Edward Stewart; Teresa Carter, Sarah Moore, Kathleen Kelly, Bill Calvert, Peter Coyne.

Other Intentions: John Michael Taylor Special Intention; Angela Webster; Special Intention.

In Memoriam

Harold Doidge; Ken Dodd;



A CHORUS FOR SPRING— CONCERT



On Sunday 7th April at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church the excellent A Cappella Singers present a programme of English Music from Purcell to the present day. Tickets on sale soon—£7 with accompanied children under 12 free. See poster in church.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Everyone is invited to join with the children as they participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 11th March at 7.00pm. Fr David, Fr Kevin; Fr Emmanuel and Fr Lawrence will help us celebrate the Sacrament.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CHARITY CONCERT



The Knight's concert will support the Handicapped Children's fellowship and Manchester Children's Hospital. It will be on Friday 15th March with Rick E/A from 8.00pm Tickets £5 including supper from Pat 07947 151 931 or Bernard 07800 867 554.

CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY GROUP



You are warmly invited to attend the next meeting of the Christ the King Community Group, which will be held at the parish house on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.15 pm.

We continue to come together to develop our community in love.

ST JOHN'S LADIES GUILD



On Wednesday Fr Emmanuel will be sharing with us about the impact that the Ladies Guild has achieved for Women in Africa. Everyone is most welcome!

Pick up your '25 things to GIVE during Lent' leaflet
Be Inspired!

Dates for your Diary

Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sun March 17th St Mary's Parish
Retreat Days

- Sat 6th April 10am to 1pm (with lunch) for Ministers of Holy Communion
- Saturday 18th May 10am to 1pm Retreat/training day and pizza lunch for Altar Servers

Afternoon Tea at St Mary's on 3rd April 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Details to follow

New! Fun Quiz for SVP: St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 12th April. £5 incl supper.

New! St John's Annual Fayre for Pendleside Hospice: Sunday 5th May 10.00—12.30 in the Parish Hall, organised by St John's Ladies Guild.



SAFEGUARDING—ALL ST JOHN'S VOLUNTEERS - DBS CERTIFICATES



If you do voluntary work at St John's parish you will need to get or renew (after three years) your DBS (formerly CRB) clearance. The new St John's Parish Safeguarding Representative, Rose Sealy, will be holding a DBS Clinic to process DBS forms **THIS** Sunday, March 10th, between 2 – 4pm. If you cannot make it on Sunday 10th March Rose or David will arrange an appointment for you to suit. If you have any questions please contact David Hartley on 692 335.

TRIP TO BUXTON



This will take place on Thursday 25th April. The coach will leave as follows; 9.30am from St John's, 9.40am from St

Mary's, 9.50am from Christ the King. The cost is £10 per person. If you wish to be part, please put your name on the sheet at the back of each church. Please place monies along with your name(s) in an envelope marked "Buxton" and hand in at the presbytery by 1st April.

THREE-PARISH RETREAT FOR READERS

On Saturday March 16th there will be a Retreat day starting at 1.00am with Mass and finishing with lunch at 12.30pm for readers from all three parishes at Christ the King church/Presbytery. Please try to attend if at all possible.



ROSARY BEADS APPEAL

A request has been received via the Bishop's office, from a parish in Ghana, for rosary beads for their parishioners. If you have any spare rosary beads at home which you would like to donate please could you place them in the box marked "Rosary Beads Appeal", at the back of the



BETHLEHEM ART

Grateful thanks for your support of Bethlehem Art in all three parishes last weekend. The Elias family are very grateful to you. Please pray for the future of the Christian communities in Israel.



CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY



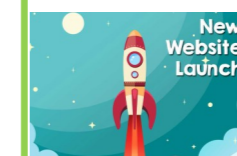
Fast, pray and give to help those in need? Through CAFOD's global church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church on the weekend of 9/10 March and return it to church the following weekend.

TUESDAY CLUB AT ST.MARY'S.

This club meets every Tuesday in St.Mary's Parish Rooms from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Come and join us for Bingo, refreshments and chat with friends. We also plan parties and days out for lunch and shopping. Cost - £3.00



OUR NEW THREE-PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCHES NEXT SUNDAY



We're now ready to launch the website. It will go live in two weeks, on 17th March 2019! We've got all the essential information and messages in place, and it will grow and develop as the weeks go on. We have lots of things we want to add, but we are very open to your ideas as well. We will also welcome

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

100 club draw winners for last the last two months are:
January 1st prize Maureen Howarth, 2nd prize; Seamus McLoughlin
February 1st prize Maureen Marshall, 2nd prize Winifred Gregson.



JOIN US—OPEN INVITATION EVENTS!

Burnley Historical Society: St. John's Parish Hall Thursday, March 14th 2019 at 7,15pm. A talk entitled "Charles Dickens: his life and works" by Isobel Stirk. Guests welcome £2.00

FINANCE

Offertory Collections 3rd March:
Christ the King: 3rd Mar: £555.73. (24th Feb: £553.56); **St Mary's:** £807.850 **St John's:** £630.00
Thank you all for your generous donations.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—MARCH

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

