

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Sick:** David Meares, Georgina Carroll, Etai Itzhaki, Michael Gray, Gillian Bitcon, Lisa Andresaki, Ian Benfield, Fr Michael Fish, Paul Bingham, Lesley Walton, Alex Wilson, Bev Waker

**Departed:** Marie Pounder, Joan Clew

**LAMPS BURN THIS WEEK**

**Blessed Sacrament:** Michael Kenyon

**High Altar:** Father Tristan as he prepares for his new Parish

**Lady Chapel:** Peace in the Middle East & Ukraine

**Prayer Cycle:** Hayley Bennett, Paul & Jaqueline Bingham & Families

**MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<i>S Frances of Rome</i>	<b>Mass 8:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	<b>Mass 6:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i> <i>(Rosary 6pm)</i>	<b>Mass 8:30am</b> <b>Mass 6:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i> <i>(Exposition &amp; Prayer 11:30am)</i>	<b>Mass 8:00am</b> <b>Mass 12:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	<b>Mass 12:00pm</b> <b>Mass &amp; Stations of the Cross 6:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Lent Weekday</i>	<b>Mass 10:00am</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**9:30am – 9:50am Saturdays (or by appointment)**

**VIGIL MASS 6:00pm - Saturday Evening**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Mass 8:15am**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY MASS 10:30am**

**Lenten Evening Worship & Benediction 6:00pm**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY: Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30am**

Family Mass next Week is an Invitation Service – please take an Invitation Slip to Invite along Family, Friends & Neighbours.

**PARISH SUNDAY LUNCH: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12:00pm**

The next Sunday Lunch is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Two-course meal plus Coffee or Tea £8. Book and pay Hazel today! All welcome

**ANNUNCIATION: Wed, 25<sup>th</sup> March** We hope everyone attends for Our Lady's beautiful Feast. **Wednesday Mass 8:3am, 12:00pm, 6:30pm Sung Mass. Refreshments follow**

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Kindly put your £5 in the special envelopes and place on the collection plate. Thanks.

**LENT COURSE: THE NICENE CREED:** Meets 5pm Sundays or 2:30pm on Tuesdays. Come and join us

**PLAYGROUP: Meets Mondays 1–2:45pm** Please encourage parents and families to come along and join the fun activities.

**BRIGADE: Tue 5:00pm & 6pm** Anchors & Juniors meet 5pm & Company 6pm on Tuesdays. Fun, achievement, adventure.

**LUNCHEON CLUB: Thu 12:30pm** 2 Course Meal (Includes Refreshments) £5 To book contact Ellen: Mob 07783 143719

**DONATIONS FOR FOOD PARCELS & MEALS:** Thanks to all who donate tins, packet foods etc to our DROP-OFF BOX.

**WEEKLY LAMPS:** Lamps may be lit for the living, departed, anniversaries, death, year's mind, weddings, birthdays, exams, new job, house move, etc. Cost £5 (Cards available to send) Please sign the Lamps List and pay Father Roger.

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** Minimum donation £30 Pedestal or £15 Smaller Arrangement. Please give to Wendy Graveston or Fr Roger, NB there are no flowers in Church during Lent.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**SUNDAY CLUB: 10:25am – 11:30am**

**DROP-IN & ADVICE: Mon 9:30 – 11:30am** Breakfast & Lunch

**PLAYGROUP: Mon 1:00pm – 2:45pm** Babies, Tots, Carers

**CRAFT GROUP: Tuesday 12:30pm – 3:00pm**

**BRIGADE ANCHORS & JUNIORS: Tues 5:00pm – 6:25pm**

**BRIGADE COMPANY SECTION: Tues 6:00pm – 7:25pm**

**COMMUNITY CHOIR: Tue 7:30pm – 9pm** With John Garrett

**SLIMMING WORLD: Wed 7:30am 9am 10:30am 5pm 6:30pm**

**LUNCHEON CLUB: Thursday 12:30pm** 2 Course Meal £5

**BINGO BUDDIES: Thursday 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**TFSW JU JITSU: Thurs 6 – 7pm Children 7 – 8pm Adults**

**BRUNCH CLUB: Fri 9:30 – 11:30am** Coffee, Tea, Brunch

**SLIMMING WORLD: Sat 7:30am 9:00am & 10:30am**

**WEBSITE: [achurchnearyou.com/st-catherine-burnley](http://achurchnearyou.com/st-catherine-burnley)**



The Parish of  
**Saint Catherine**  
with Saint Alban  
& Saint Paul  
Burnley

**WELCOME**

**Tea and coffee are served at the back of Church after the 10:30am Mass. Please join us. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to one of the Priests.**



*'...you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.'* (Exodus 17:6)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**Water is our theme in today's Mass; it preserves life for the Israelites in the desert. Water given by Christ is both life giving and saving. We are reminded of our baptism that brings us into eternal life.**

**MUSIC TODAY**

**Entrance Hymn: 449** 'Father hear the prayer'

**Before the Gospel:** 'Praise to you O Christ ...'

**Offertory Hymn: 80** 'Forty days and forty...'

**Communion Hymn: 179** 'Lord Jesus Christ'

**Final Hymn: 79** 'Forth in thy name O Lord ...'

**NOTES ON THE READINGS**

**The First Reading**

The Israelites, freed from slavery, must cross the desert to reach the Promised Land. Without water, they will die.

**The Responsorial Psalm**

God is approached joyfully, and his majesty subdues us to stillness.

**The Second Reading**

Saint Paul reminds us of the ground of our faith and hope. Christ died for us when we were sinners.

**The Gospel Reading**

The story of the Samaritan woman who meets Jesus, talks with him, and believes.