

## Lent Events

### *A Night at the Races and the new Diocesan App*

In this Lent newsletter we have a news update from the PTA who are raising money for a new school minibus and have an exciting event coming up as well as some vacancies for 3 to 4 new members. Also, as we enter the Lent season there is news about our annual Lent activities and the new Diocesan App for you to download...

### *Horses and Hotdogs*

Balshaw's PTA is pleased to present *Horses and Hotdogs* - an evening at the races (see image for details). It is a fun evening for all the family. You will get a hotdog on arrival and you can bring all of your own drinks and snacks to set up your own group/party table for the night. With a chance to win money on each race and even the opportunity to buy your own horse, this is an affordable night out for all - only £8 for a family of 4! Keep the evening of **Friday 22nd March** free in your diary...



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## *The PTA supports your child...*

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The PTA provides social events and also raises money to support opportunities for all students across the school from hardship fund money to sound and lighting for productions, team building equipment for personal development to equipment for all sorts of extra-curricular activities. The Race Night is the first major event that aims to raise £10,000 towards a new school minibus. The next major event after that will be **#Balfest24 Family Fun Day on Saturday 18th May.**

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## *Opportunity for some new members...*

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Some spaces have become available for parents to join the PTA Committee which could accommodate three or four new members. If you would like to be a part of this lively and dedicated group of parents and friends of Balshaw's then please contact the group via their [Facebook page](#) or contact the school to let us know so that Julia Monks, chair of the PTA can contact you.

## *The new app from the Diocese of Blackburn*



At this time of year I usually send you pdf copy of the Blackburn Diocese Lent reflections - a series of Bible readings and reflections from clergy and lay people from across this diocese.

This year I am delighted to bring you news that Blackburn Diocese have their own app which you can download for your phone. From here you can access short videos from Bishop Philip to accompany your journey through Lent along with a host of other features.



**Download it now!**

Our new, FREE  
discipleship app



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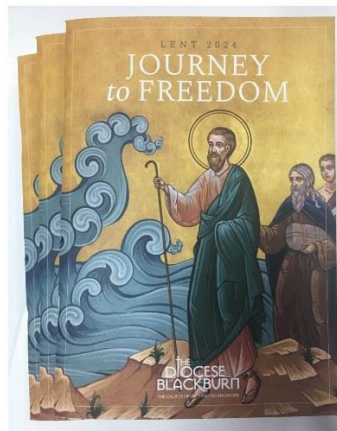
If you would prefer just to have the pdf booklet then you can [download this here](#) or get a copy from your local church.

#### Lent 2024

This year, our Lent Devotional booklets 'Journey to Freedom' will walk us through Exodus. Bishop Philip writes in the preface:

*"Has a greater story ever been told? Exodus has all the ingredients. A flawed hero in Moses. An arch-baddie in Pharaoh. The appalling injustice of slavery. The vivid horrors of the plagues. The jeopardy of a last minute escape. The hyper-real psycho-drama of the wilderness. The promise of a glorious freedom. What more could you want? Well there's much more!"*

A4 & A5 copies of the Devotional booklets are currently being distributed to parishes throughout the diocese.



## Lenten Charity Weeks

In the last two weeks of every Spring term we have our Lenten Charity Weeks in which each house raises money for a chosen charity. Each year with the actions of our students and the support of their parents, thousands of pounds are raised for charity. We look forward to seeing how much we can raise this year for charity.