

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

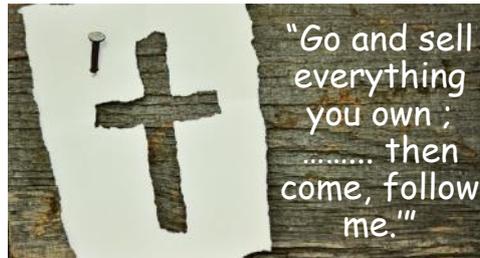
**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**10TH OCTOBER 2021**      **YEAR B**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The young man in today's Gospel is a good man by his own definition he has kept the commandments all his life, and in effect can claim he has never done any one any harm. We are told that Jesus looked at him with love and he saw great potential in him. He offered him a new vision of goodness, a positive one. Jesus asks him to do something really radical and sell all he had and give it away to the needy then come back and follow Him. This would give him treasure in heaven. The problem that the young man had in today's Gospel was not so much his wealth as rather his attitude to it. He has an unhealthy dependence upon it and cannot let go. Jesus tells him that he is lacking something in his life and that is dependence on God. He preferred to remain dependent upon himself and his own vast resources.

Like the young man we sometimes dream of a more authentic Christian life. We dream but are we prepared to act? We are no better people for merely desiring some-



thing without working hard at ensuring that it comes to fruition. For those who strive, the rewards are great even in this life, in terms of meaning, fulfilment and joy, in spite of trials and difficul-

ties. Like a good friend who wants the best for us, the Lord is constantly challenging and stretching us to the limits of our ability. This gives us new standards by which to judge ourselves.

Christ tells us that if we do let go and totally invest in him then we will be free to live and get on the right road for eternal life. Perhaps there are things in our own lives that are so precious to us that we feel that we could not live without them. The chances are that if we let go of them, we can grow in faith in God and become more dependent upon him.

May each of us be more open to the Holy Spirit to grow in faith so that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 21/22



We would like to invite parents of children in school Year 4 (or older) including those who do not attend one of our Catholic schools in our parish, who wish their child to join the Parish Sacramental Programme. This will involve them being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion over the next few months. The initial meetings for parents and children, when registration will take place are as follows:

St John's: at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in St John's parish hall

St Mary's: at 6pm on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's school.

The meeting at Christ the King took place on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> October at Christ the King school  
For further details please contact Fr David tel 01282 422007.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Mary Fitzgerald, Sean Flanagan, Vladas Daunoras, Margaret Hill, Gerda Greenhalgh, Ronnie Perry, Canon Francis Deeney.

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Green, James Nutter, Monica Atherton, Derek Gill (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Hilda Taylor.

**In Memoriam:** Jack Flood

**Other Intentions:** Brian Bennett, Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Thomas McVicker, In thanks to St Anthony.



### SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA SPEAKING ON 'LOVE ONE ANOTHER'

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier"*



*"My prayer for you is that you may grow in the likeness of Christ, being real carriers of God's love and that you really bring his presence, first, into your own family, then, to the next door neighbour, the street you we live in, the town we live in, the country we live, then only, in the whole world, that living example of God's presence."*

### FOOTBALL CAR PARK VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED—6 TIMES PER SEASON?



The third team has started to grow **thanks for your response** to this appeal so the workload is already reducing! Please join our happy team of volunteers who run the car park at St Mary's during Burnley FC matches. You'll be **surprised to know how infrequently you will be 'on duty'**! Right now it's only once every other game—that's a maximum of 9 games (plus cup ties, but we tend not to have many!). If we can increase the number of teams doing the work it will be only 6/7 games when you'll be on duty (plus cup ties).

Each match you will be there for about 90 minutes and if you're a fan, you will have plenty of time to get to the game. Our price per car is low, so most parkers are happy to pay!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSIONS AT ST JOHN'S—RESTARTING

The sessions have restarted at St John the Baptist with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> October. They will take place during the Sunday 11am Mass. Parents are welcome to accompany their children if necessary during the first few weeks.



#### PAPAL INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

##### Missionary Disciples



We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



*Stay with us  
Lord  
on our  
journey*

#### Matthew 6:24

*"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

### HOSPICE AND MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER

Many thanks for all the support for our Macmillan / Hospice afternoon tea. Thank you too for your generosity: **we raised £285** which will be divided between the two charities. A lovely afternoon and a chance for a welcome catch up. Plus Tea and Cakes. What's not to like!! Anne Marie

### ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

St Mary's church remains temporarily closed until further notice as it needs essential repair. We will continue to keep you informed through the Newsletter and through the Web site.

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD

This weekend we have a Pastoral letter from Bishop John in preparation for the forthcoming COP26 summit on the Environment to shortly take place in Glasgow. He asks us to take an avid interest in the conference and to keep the delegates in your prayers. If anyone requires a copy of the letter please contact Fr David. Thank you

### MISSIO RED BOXES

**For the Christ the King community** October is the time for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 or 07874 882132 to arrange collection or bring your Boxes to Church if possible. Thank you for your continuing generosity in these challenging times.

**At St John's** the Autumn Missio magazines have arrived for distribution at St John's. Your much needed donations will be gratefully received if you feel able to give at this time of great need in the world today.



### THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY—ONLINE

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new on line newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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### CAFOD NEWS UPDATE

Don't forget it was CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day last Friday. Leave your donations in the envelopes at the back of our churches. See the parish CAFOD webpage for how to be active..

The **UN Climate Conference, COP26**, is fast approaching. The UK holds a pivotal role in ensuring nations agree bold targets to cut carbon emissions. CAFOD has ways for you to get involved.

**CAFOD's 'Reclaim Our Common Home'**, continues and **Pope Francis is urging Catholics to tackle the climate crisis**. One option is to urge Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak to show leadership ahead of COP26. Please sign the petitions to them below. We need lots more signatories to protect those now suffering, and all of our futures:

Boris Johnson - <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

Rishi Sunak - <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/85465/action/2>

For more news, especially the latest on **emergencies across the world**.

<http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk/index.php/home-page/cafod>



### FOODBANK—THE NEED CONTINUES



Sadly the appeal has to continue. There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£253.61** being donated during August. Thank you all for your great generosity.

### COVID UPDATE FOR THE PARISH

The parish clergy team has reviewed the current arrangements. In the light of the rising numbers of cases, hospitalisations and deaths we decided to leave arrangements unchanged until further notice. We continue to request that adults continue to wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church. Thank you for your help and cooperation in these difficult times.

## PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK COMMENCING 11TH OCTOBER

The disruption around Christ the King church continues, with road works on Manchester Road! So, during working hours of Monday to Friday we have moved the Masses and Services to St John's once more. We are assuming that we will have normal access at the weekends.

Please look carefully at the re-arrangements for next week, and look on the website for any other changes we need to make. Please also talk to friends who may not have the internet about these and any other changes. Thank you and sorry for the inconveniences.

**Monday** *St Pope John XXIII*

9.30am St John's                      7.00pm Christ the King

**Tuesday** *St Wilfred*

9.30am St John's                      12.00 noon St John's

**Wednesday** *St Edward the Confessor*

9.30am St John's                      7.00pm St John's

**Thursday** *St Callistus*

9.30am St John's                      12.00 noon St John's

**Friday** *St Teresa of Avila*

9.30am St John's                      12.00 noon St John's

**Saturday** *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

9.30am Christ the King

**Vigil Masses:** 6.00pm St John's    6.30pm Christ the King

**Sunday:** *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.15am\*\* and 5.00pm Christ the King                      9.30am and 11.00am St John's

\*\*The Sunday 9.15am Mass at Christ the King will be live-streamed.



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from **5.15pm to 5.55pm** at St John's church, prior to the Vigil Mass.

**EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation every Saturday at Christ the King church from 10.30am to 11.30am.

**EXPOSITION:** There will be Exposition starting 30 mins before each weekday Mass

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Could those who contribute to St Mary's or St John's by Standing Order, please kindly contact your bank and inform them that the payment should now be made as follows:

**Name:** The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish

**Sort Code:** 205558 **Account number:** 50404640



## CHURCH STEWARDS

Thank You



Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church possible as we continue to work at remaining safe whilst in church. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.

### Clergy Team

Parish Priest: Fr David Featherstone

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