

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**6TH FEBRUARY 2022**      **YEAR C**



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

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.'



But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.'

In today's Gospel Jesus goes fishing, not for fish but for disciples. He clearly knows what he is doing and he cleverly asks to use Peter's boat in order to teach the people from the boat, while they remained on the shore. I think the main reason he used the boat was to ensure that Peter and the other fishermen were in earshot of

what he was saying to the crowd. He was basically ensuring that they listen to his words and his teaching. Hearing this while they were mending their nets would have enabled them to speak to their hearts. He then had to ensure that having been taught by him, they would respond to his invitation to make them his disciples.

The goodness of the Lord and the miracle Jesus had done, made Peter become very aware of his unworthiness and sinfulness in the presence of someone who was undoubtedly truly great. Jesus has an answer for his unworthiness, telling him not to worry about that but to follow him and He will make them fishers of men. In other words, that despite him not being perfect, Jesus is inviting him and the others to be formed into someone who will win friends for God

I think it is no coincidence that a third of his disciples were fishermen. This is because fishermen have to be resilient, tough and strong both physically and inwardly: brave and prepared to take risks, trusting in God to go out to sea in all weathers: patient as they wait for the fish: they also have to be able to work together as team and rely on each other. I think Jesus would know that all these qualities were also needed in an Apostle.

*Lord of the Harvest ....*

*BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.*

*INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.*

Prayer for Vocations—Pope Francis



*INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life dedicated to you.*

*UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. AMEN*

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Our individual church bank accounts were closed at the end of November, Please, could those who contribute to St Mary's, Christ the King and St John's by Standing Order, 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

**Thank you.**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** John Greenwood, Margaret Jenkins, Winnie Augner, Michael Alty, Alan McNamee, Rose Duffield.

**Anniversaries:** Bernard Macaulay, Mary Morris, William Ford, John Ford

**Other intentions:** For person undergoing Cancer treatment, Mrs Tressa Byrom

**Birthday Memoriam:** Mary Fleming, John Cunnie.



## SYNODAL SHARING



A small group of parishioners, came together this week to pray, reflect and look at the questions offered in the Synod questionnaire from our Diocese. Very much in the spirit of listening we each offered some thoughts on the questions, in order to help us discern the points we wish to make to be part of this process launched by Pope Francis. It was a fruitful exercise very much in the spirit of love and concern for the future of our church worldwide. Each of us now feel enabled to fill in and send our thoughts to the diocese. Together, what might have seemed daunting task became a process we would recommend to others, who like us might feel overawed looking at it alone. We have till the end of February to send in the questionnaire. Should you wish to organise a small group we would be happy to support you. Ring 01282 721701 to learn more.

## S.V.P. IN THE PARISH

As we look forward to a more settled New Year 2022 we once again thank all our benefactors who have supported us with their donations and prayers. We also welcome 4 prospective new members.

With some signs that Covid-19 is now less dangerous for elderly and at risk people we are cautiously re-starting our visits as well as by phone, a doorstep visit or in-house visit under safety guidelines.

At Christmas we again contacted 35 people delivering a cake box of Christmas fare and a Catholic art calendar. Christmas is often a stressful time for parents with many children and we have been able to give financial help to such a family for Christmas. and New Year.

We continue to support a lady who has mental health issues by helping her with weekly shopping. If you know of anyone in difficulty and who needs support, please refer them to us through our priests. God bless and thanks for your support



*Stay with us Lord  
on our  
journey*



*Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves.*



## FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



A range of things will lead to more pressure on people's personal finances, and sadly the need for the Foodbank is likely to grow, so 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 **£125.00** being donated during December. **Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

## PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

Our schedule returns to normal. Please check the website for any late enforced changes.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i>	9.30am St John's	7.00pm Christ the King
<b>Tuesday</b>		St Jerome Emilian	
		9.30 Christ the King	12.00 noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i>		
		9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Scholastica</i>		
		9.30am Christ the King	10.00am St John's
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		
		9.30am Christ the King	
		2.00pm Funeral Mass for Winnie Aunger RIP at St John's	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Weekday</i>		
		9.30am Christ the King	
	<b>Vigil Masses:</b>	6.00pm St John's	6.30pm Christ the King
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
		9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King	9.30am** and 11.00am St John's
			**9:30am Mass will be live-streamed



There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each of the weekday Masses.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays as follows:  
10.30—11.30am at Christ the King (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)  
5.15pm—5.55pm at St John's (without Exposition)

**CHURCH STEWARDS:** Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church during the pandemic. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.



### SINGING GROUPS AT SUNDAY MASSES AT ST JOHN'S

Enjoy singing? Read on! No auditions, you don't need to read music, and all levels of talent welcome!

**11.00am Mass** The '**11.00 o'clock Sunday Singers**' are taking a small step forward. From Sunday 13th February you are welcome to gather in the benches at the back of church to sing along with the organ melodies and the recorded music!

**9.30am Mass:** The St Mary's Music Group will continue to sing at this Mass until St Mary's church re-opens. They too will welcome new singers, especially if you can come to their practices at 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Thursdays. Please call 07930 508 209 if you want more information.



*God, you are the author of the perfect love. Even before I was born you knew me, loved me, and sacrificed for me. When I don't deserve it, you give me grace. I love you God, and thank you for all your love. Help me to love you and my neighbours with open arms.*



*HOPE lights a candle behind every cloud ....  
FAITH holds firm in every storm,..... LOVE makes a difference and makes trust possible*

#### Clergy Team

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