

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan



## NEWSLETTER

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

**8TH MAY 2022      YEAR C**

Churches of  
Christ the King  
St Mary of the  
Assumption  
St John the Baptist  
Burnley

### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. We always celebrate this on the 4th Sunday of Easter; He is Risen so he is alive. The church is people with the Holy Spirit. He is alive in us through the Spirit given to us in Baptism. So he is alive in his Church.

In the Gospel the Lord speaks: "I know my sheep and they follow me ...I give them eternal life... he goes onto to say they will never be lost". He is speaking all these words before his Death and Resurrection but he knows for certain they will come about. Throughout his ministry he called people to follow him: he called his Apostles and Disciples and he asks them to follow him and then he sends them out on a mission. They might not feel equipped enough but if they have faith and trust in him then that will be enough because the Holy Spirit will guide them.



*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me., I give them eternal life;*

The Church has always been on a journey since its foundation by the apostles. It has always found itself moving forward despite at times having to face turbulent conditions. This has been possible because Jesus the Risen Lord and Good Shepherd has continued to be faithful to his Church as he is today. He has always provided for his flock, like a shepherd. He has faith-

fully called out of the people, priests and religious be missionaries and to bring his message of God's love and the promise of eternal life to a world increasingly needing to receive that message of hope.

So that's why today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We simply pray today that the ones the Lord calls to serve his people in the Church will hear his voice and have the humility, faith and courage to respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

### DEANERY WALK IN THE EASTER SEASON

Priests and people from the parishes of our deanery are walking to St Mary's, Burnley on Saturday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our role in the event be will greet them with light refreshments from 2pm in the parish room and then Fr David will lead us in a short liturgy in St Mary's church at 3.30pm.

**Please volunteer to help with refreshments and hospitality by contacting Fr David tel 422007**  
**Thank You!**

### NEW MAYOR OF BURNLEY

Cosima Towneley, one of our parishioners, will be installed as Mayor of Burnley on Wednesday 18th May. As part of a tradition known as "Mayor Sunday", the new Mayor will be officially welcomed into St Mary's church at 10am Mass on Sunday 12th June. This is a great honour for us to host such an occasion and we joyfully look forward to it.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Haris Dean (aged 5yrs) Margaret Hope, Mary Fleming, Deacon Jack Foxall, Jack Devine, Jeremy Bradshaw, Margaret Butterworth, Joan Meehan, Linda White, Imelda (McNamara) Hinz.

**Other intentions:** Sr Sarah Dever FMSJ, In

thanksgiving for a successful operation, For a speedy and safe recovery.

**Anniversaries:** Alice Fortune, Ella Heap, Monica Cain, Ken Gorton, Francis Nicholas Carter. Kathleen Kinsella,



**Birthday Memories:** Alice Dean

**Towneley Chapel Lamps:** Linda White (Lately dead), Jack Bailey (Anniversary)

### ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS—VOLUNTEERS

The coffee mornings after the 10.00am Mass were hugely popular, and a great source of companionship, fellowship and laughter. We would like to get them going again, **BUT** we need volunteers. So, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, please step forward. We can all make a cup of tea or coffee, so don't say 'Oh, I couldn't do that...'. You can(!). With enough volunteers you would only be needed once every three or four weeks. If you can at all help, please call Maureen on 07807 184 743. You'll find fun and friendship by being in a team!

### SUNDAY SINGERS AT ST JOHN'S 10.45 MASS

The Good Samaritan 10.45am Sunday Singers are on the move - to the FRONT of church and if you enjoy singing you are very welcome to move closer. Our aim is to begin singing, hopefully in the right key, along with the live and recorded music to help all to be able to join in! There's also vacancies for any musical instruments you may like to bring along. We also have a pool of parish instruments available - recorders, keyboard, guitar and even a cello!!



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR MAY

#### Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



Stay with us Lord on our journey



*The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. He makes me to lie in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters,*



*he refreshes my soul. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of*

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

You can make your contributions to the parish online by Standing Order; Please contact your bank and inform them that payment should now be made as follows:

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

Sort Code: 205558

Account number: 50404640

**Thank you.**



### COVID GUIDANCE IN OUR CHURCHES

*In accordance with Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales we have very recently introduced some relaxations to Covid regulations in the parish:*

- ~ We continue to request that adults wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church.
- ~ Holy Communion can again be received in the hand or in the mouth.
- ~ Our stewards will continue to welcome us and cleanse the church.
- ~ The Distribution of Holy Communion will revert to how it was pre-Pandemic (i.e. Processing from the front and unsupervised by the stewards)
- ~ Please say 'Amen' when receiving Holy Communion.

## ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND

This Sunday being Vocations Sunday, there will be a collection at all Masses this weekend for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which supports the training of priests for the Diocese. Individual donations can be made to the fund until the end of May.



## VOLUNTEER WITH IT SKILLS NEEDED

We need a volunteer who is reasonably competent with IT to support our newly formed Parish Property team. If interested please contact Fr David.

## NEW ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

After the tremendous effort from the voluntary team of cleaners last weekend, we could do with a new regular team of cleaners. If interested could you please contact Fr David



## APF RED BOXES

Thank you on behalf of Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries to the community at St John's for raising the magnificent amount of £2,364.04 in 2021. Your concern and actions shows how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, can transform the world for the better.



## KSC CHARITY CONCERT



A recent item in the Newsletter showed how the Knights recently raised over £4,000 for charities. They now present a Fundraising Concert featuring the top vocal star Alex Gardner on Friday 20th May at 8.00pm The KSC 110 Club, Yorkshire St, Burnley. Tickets £6.00 (incl light refreshments). To get the tickets for a good night out at a great price contact Bernard on 07800 867554 or Pat on 07947 151 931. Enjoy!

## CAFOD NEWSLETTER

**Happy Easter** – The CAFOD group want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and blessed Eastertide. We hope you all were able to celebrate the Risen Lord with your families and enjoy the spring sunshine.

**Lent Appeals** – Thanks so much for your very generous support of CAFOD during Lent. The single CAFOD Soup Kitchen raised a terrific £204 and the parish 'Walk Against Hunger' at Towneley resulted in a brilliant £245 being raised. Many thanks to all those who took part, attended or contributed in any way. The final grand total for our parish Fast Day collections and Lenten fundraising will follow soon.

**CAFOD Campaigns** – 1) 'Cancel the Debt': Zambia is in the middle of a huge debt crisis. Yet BlackRock, a private asset management firm, one of the country's biggest lenders, refused Zambia's request to suspend debt repayments during the pandemic. Help Zambia by signing a petition urging BlackRock CEO, Larry Fink, to cancel their debt:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/103655/petition/1>

2) 'Fix the Food System': The global food system is broken. It does not work for those who work the hardest – small farmers – and it is a major driver of the climate emergency. Millions going hungry, while large agribusinesses make huge profits. Email the Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss, using a pre-written email, asking the UK government to implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first. To get involved follow the link: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1>



### Daily Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*As the days and weeks pass it is clear that the need for peace in the world is great, and at the same time there is little sign that it will happen through worldly means. A*

*parishioner has suggested that we each ask God's help for the situation in Ukraine by saying to Our Father at 9.00pm every evening. Until the war ends.*

*Please join in!*

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Following the end of "lockdown", Eucharistic Ministers are now once more able to visit people in their own home in order to give Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to come to church. All our ministers have been DBS checked and will have taken precautions to ensure they do not carry the COVID virus. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion, please ask the person's permission and then give their name, address and phone number to either of our priests. We will then make contact by phone to arrange when we can visit.



## PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES 9TH TO 15TH MAY 2022

Please note that with St Mary's open again, it means that there is a new regular programme of Masses and services in the parish.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>		
	9.30am St Mary's	7.00pm Christ the King	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St John of Avila</i>		
	9.30am St Mary's	12.00 Noon St John's	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>		
	9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's	
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>St Pancras</i>		
	9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		
	9.30am Christ the King	12.00 Noon St Mary's	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Matthias</i>		
	9.30am St Mary's		
	3.30pm Short Deanery Prayer Service at St Mary's		
	<b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's	6.30pm St Mary's**	
<b>Sunday:</b>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>		
	9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King	St Mary's 10.00am*	10.45am St John's

### Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday

\*The 10.00am Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website.

### RECONCILIATION WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be three opportunities for Reconciliation at the same time as there being Exposition:

Fridays ~ 11.30 to 11.55am at St Mary's

Saturdays ~ 10.30 to 11.30am at St Mary's

Saturdays ~ 5.15pm to 5.55pm at St John's

*Eternal God, be with our priests this vocations Sunday as they seek to minister to your people. May you be a guiding and protective presence*



*with them as they bring the consolation and hope of Your world, and the grace and nourishment of the Eucharist to those entrusted to their care.*

### FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



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 £11.600 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 **£65.00** being donated during April.

**Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

### Clergy Team

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