

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**23RD JANUARY 2022**      **YEAR C**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives  
and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."*

Today we begin reading Luke's Gospel which highlights the Christ of mercy, who reaches out to the poor, the outcasts, foreigners and women. In his opening preface, Luke tells us that he wrote the Gospel in order to explain to Theophilus, what Christianity was all about. For him Christianity has more to do with God's love and mercy than anything else. That is why in telling Theophilus about the Christian faith, Luke finds the incident in the synagogue in Nazareth very useful. In this incident, found only in Luke's Gospel, Jesus makes a solemn declaration of his mission in the world. Jesus has come to start a revolution of mercy and love in the world. He starts by stating that the Spirit of the Lord is upon him. His mission is quite simply to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to those imprisoned. We see the love and mercy of Jesus reaching out to all in need.

Christians are to live according to the same vision of Jesus. It is our mission as individuals and as a community to bring Good News to the poor in our society. Today's gospel challenges us to reach out in practical solidarity with those who are visibly disadvantaged around us. The Good News is for every person and for the whole person, body and soul.

### PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK 24TH JANUARY 2022

Please note the reduced programme during the coming week commencing 24th January:.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Francis de Sales</i> 9.30am St John's      7.00pm Christ the King	 <p>There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each of the weekday Masses.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Conversion of St Paul</i> 12.00 noon St John's	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Ss Timothy and Titus</i> 9.30am Christ the King	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Angela Merici</i> 9.30am Christ the King	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> 9.30am Christ the King      1.00pm Funeral Mass for Sister Norbert RIP at St John's	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King      6.30pm Christ the King	
		9.30am** and 11.00am St John's **9:30am Mass will be live-streamed

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

There will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 29th Jan as follows:      10.30—11.30am at Christ the King      5.15—5.55pm at St John's

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Robert Massey, Brian Bennett, Jean Wilkinson, Patrick Terence O'Brien, Tina Heffernan, Stephen Gleeson, Sr Norbert, Philip Barnes. John Greenwood, Michael Laverty,

**Other intentions:** Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, S. Thomas and family, Alan and Marie McClelland.

**Anniversaries:** Paul Stoodley, Kathleen Marshall, Caroline Park, Ann Conway, Martin Frazer, Peter Aspden, Alice Dean, James Burns, Peter Macken, Louisa Macken, Sarah Langton, Thomas Smith, Austin Corrigan, Kate Corrigan, Michael Hephrun, Philip Crowne, Joan Crowne, Christine Ostle., Maragret Nutter, Mary Kerin,

**In Memoriam:** Thomas Langton

**Birthday Memoriam:** Maria Cristina Gonzales-Summers



## CARITAS SUNDAY—THIS WEEKEND



Covid 19 continues to have a devastating effect on people's health, wellbeing and finances, which is worse for those already at risk. CARITAS is appealing for your continued generosity, in order to carry on its work for those in greatest need. Every gift enables Caritas to help the most vulnerable in our diocese.

At the end of the masses this weekend, on behalf of CARITAS, Bernadette Seedall will be speaking briefly about the work undertaken by Caritas. More details are available on The Impact Report 2021, on: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-impact-report-2021/>

**A basket will be at the back of church this weekend for donations,** which will be most gratefully received, Due to the pandemic, Caritas is asking those who can to donate by texting SUNDAY to 70580 to donate £10, or online at: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-sunday-2022/>. More information will also be included on the CARITAS page on The Good Samaritan Parish website in the coming week.

Thank you for your support

## 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



**PARISH ACTION:** The above items are timely given the Gospel and Fr David's reflection this week. Thanks to all the workers. God bless the work.



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



*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Our individual church bank accounts **was 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.**



## APPEAL FOR LEPROA—NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 JANUARY



We are having an appeal in the parish for Lepra at all Masses next weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Over 7 million people** are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows **over 3 million** people are living with undiagnosed leprosy

**Over 4 million** people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy

Although **curable** and free, many people can't access treatment.

Lepra works to **find, treat and rehabilitate** these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. The lives of many people have been changed thanks to the generosity of supporters like you. (In the 97 years since our founding we have helped millions of people affected by Neglected Tropical Diseases such as leprosy. There is now a cure for leprosy, however, there is more work to be done as prejudice, discrimination and lack of healthcare and resources mean not everyone can receive this in time to prevent disabilities.

Our mission is to beat leprosy – so that all cases are easily diagnosed and treated and leave no disability or discrimination. We are working towards a day when leprosy no longer destroys lives; **with your support we can achieve this sooner**. Please help us **beat leprosy** – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease.

### VANDALISM AT ST MARY'S—WHAT WE MUST DO

Many people will know about the teenage boys have been creating a nuisance on the St Mary's site. Perhaps most worryingly, they have been scrambling up the scaffolding and onto the church roof, which literally puts their lives at risk. They have thrown stones at people who have asked them to stop, and threatened damage to them and their vehicles, they have broken all the windows in the Parish Rooms. They also misbehave around the Vincent Farrell Centre, again risking their well-being by climbing on the roof. The Centre which has only recently been renovated after a serious break-in involving a huge amount of damage.

We consulted the police and **their advice is emphatically to call them when you see something**. Do not get involved with the young people. **But DO phone the police**.

**Call 999 or 101 to inform the police**. Tell the response officer:

- ~ what you have seen
- ~ the risk to the children and others
- ~ your fear and anxiety
- the need for **action**

Tell the person that the Neighbourhood sergeant has said:

- ~ **the police want you to make this call**, and
- ~ you **must** get an Incident number

**Making the call is a positive step**. When we do make the calls we will help the children to lead them to better opportunities in life, and help us all to live more safely and more comfortably.

**Prayer for Kindness:** Dear God, If I can not be brilliant, let me be kind. If I cannot change the world, let me inspire just one other to do so. If I cannot give away riches, let me be loving. Let me be known for kindness, for it is the greatest glory.

### MODERN SLAVERY AND EXPLOITATION

Please look at the Caritas page on the parish website (click on "Home" then "Caritas"), to see some further material which has just been added about this terrible evil activity.



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