

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of:

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

BURNLEY



NEWSLETTER

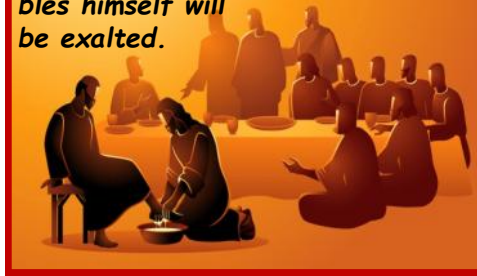
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31ST AUGUST 2025 YEAR C



Today's readings speak of the need for the person of God to always practise humility. In the Gospel Jesus uses the example of assuming for ourselves the best seats at a wedding banquet. At one level it is actually good practical advice to avoid us showing ourselves up by thinking more of ourselves than we should. Let us call to mind the humility of Jesus, who though he was God, endured a humble birth in the manger to share in our humanity. We think of him washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper. He also was truly humble by making himself truly obedient to the Father even to death on a cross. The root of all that is sinful is usually

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



pride which is simply about thinking more highly of ourselves than we should. This can happen when we forget that we need God in our lives. The word humility is derived from the word "humus" which means ground or

earth; Jesus advocates that as his followers we should always keep our feet firmly on the ground and not get too carried away with ourselves.

As we reflect on the occasions when we have let pride and selfishness get the better of us, let us reconnect with our need for Christ our Redeemer in our lives. May we always strive to imitate Jesus in his humility, his love and his obedience.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY — THIS SUNDAY COME AND JOIN THE 'FUN-FOR-ALL' EVENT!



The parish garden party will take at St Mary's presbytery Garden on Sunday 31st August, starting at 2pm. Tickets for the Garden Party afternoon tea cost £5 (and free for accompanied under 16's) **will be on sale at the gate**. In addition to afternoon tea there will be stalls to appeal to people of all ages such as: Knock the Cans, Hamper Raffle, Spin the Wheel, Spot the Ball, Velcro Darts, and a Tombola.

If inclement weather, the event will be based round the Parish Rooms.

DEACON THEO'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This is due to take place at St Luke's church in Salford at 12 noon on Saturday 27th September, but because two deacons are being ordained, there are likely to be some restrictions regarding numbers of people being able to attend. All those who submitted their names for the coach are now duly confirmed. There are still a number of seats still available, so please contact Fr David if you are interested in booking a seat. In addition, those who want to make their own way to the ordination are at liberty to do so. We are hoping as many people as possible will come to Deacon Theo's **first Mass in Burnley** as a priest, which is taking place at St John's church, Ivy St, at 7pm on Monday 29th September.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Robert Farrell, Gary Lucchetti, Frances Fielding, Karen Lynch, Rosemary Westlake, James Fielding, Sr Theodora Slott, Sheila Holt, Arshad Taj,

Anniversaries: Anthony Moore, Tom Edmondson, Maureen Siddall, Leonard Gleeson, Pat Bell,

Philip Stephen Gordon, Christine Wiegold,

Birthday Memoriam: Eddie Champion

Other intentions: Donor's intentions, In thanksgiving for prayers answered and the support of parish friends,



ST JOHN'S 'FIRST OF THE MONTH' - PIZZA SUNDAY!

The next "First of the Month", with games on the lawn, **after the 10-45am mass at St Johns on Sunday September 7th**, will also be "Pizza Sunday".....a feast of home made and perhaps a special treat for all our youngsters as they begin their new school year and anyone else who might be celebrating that fact too!!



READERS AT ST JOHN'S VIGIL MASS

We would warmly welcome more folk in our little band of Readers. Practice given and nervousness soon overcome (honestly) and you'd feel you were contributing to an important ministry at Mass. If you'd like to try out some practice before deciding, have a word with any of the Readers at the Vigil Mass or ring David on 01282 831821 / 07950098432.

SVP RECRUITMENT



The SVP is hoping to hold a recruitment drive sometime in September. This will be run by Royston Calico who is our Membership Support Officer. He will attend Masses at the three churches over the weekend giving lectern addresses with a view to recruiting new members. So, watch this space for more information over the next few weeks.

PARISH COACH TRIP –ST. ANNES ON SEA

Thanks to all those who came on last Tuesday's successful trip to St Annes on Sea which was greatly enjoyed by all.

FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, OLD ENGLISH COINS AND NOTES, MEDALS AND GOLD

If you have any of these items please bring them to church and place them at a box at the back of each church . **We recently received an amount of just over £1200** from Steve who kindly is facilitating this parish fundraiser. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.

CARITAS SPONSORED HIKE / CARITAS NEWSLETTER

A sponsored hike has been organised to raise funds for Caritas Salford. It will take place on **13th Sept 2025**, following the Tolkien Trail, exploring the rivers and woodlands of the Ribble Valley. **Starting from Hurst Green at 9.45am** the distance is just under 7 miles and should take around 3 hours. There is an information booklet on the notice boards in all 3 churches. For more details and to register your free place on the hike please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/everystep or contact Caritas on 0161 817 2250 and press 1 for fundraising.

Also, the Caritas Newsletters 'Love in Action' outlining just some of the work Caritas carries out, and the difference your support has made possible, are available at the back of each church. Please do take a copy.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST FOR MUTUAL CO-EXISTENCE

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 13th August was number **58**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

GIFT AID – A CALL TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Would you like to increase your offerings to the Parish by 25% at no cost to yourself? If you don't already gift aid your offerings and you pay UK tax, please consider gift aiding. All we need is your name and address. Simply complete the form below and pop it in the 'GIFT AID' box at the back of each church. The gift aid co-ordinator will arrange for you to have a supply of offertory envelopes or arrange a standing order, if you prefer. Our parish will claim gift aid and the Government will add 25% to what you give. It's that simple! **If you have any queries please contact Margaret on 07751 025178 or Peter on 07546 261012.**

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In order to Gift Aid your donation you must TICK THE BOX below:

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Many thanks for your support. You can read our full Privacy Notice at: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/privacy-policy.

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.**



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 23/24 Aug was £ 1272.23, for which many thanks.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Please note the changes this week

- Monday** *Weekend*
9.30am St Mary's
- Tuesday** *Weekday*
9.30am St. John's **NB Only one Mass today**
- Wednesday** *St Gregory the Great*
9.30am Christ the King
- Thursday** *St Cuthbert*
9.30am St John's **NB Only one Mass today**
- Friday** *Weekday*
9.15am: Christ the King School
12 Noon Mass St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am
- Saturday** *Weekday*
9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am
Vigil Masses
6.00pm St John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm
6.30m St Mary's
- Sunday** ***Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***
Christ the King: 9.15am and 5.00pm
St Mary's: 10.00am (This Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website*).
St John's: 10.45am
(*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

EXPOSITION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WEEKLY QUIZ—CANCELLED



There is no quiz on Monday 1st Sept so our next quiz night will be Monday 8th Sept at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.

PEACEFUL MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON 6TH SEPTEMBER

The day starts with Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am, some talks, and then a march around Parliament from 1.30—4pm. For more information see <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/spread-the-word/>
Prayers for the success of the march are also very much needed and appreciated.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARY MOSS RIP

FELIX HAS REQUESTED THAT WE MAKE KNOWN MARY'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARY MOSS. HER FUNERAL MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST PETER'S, STONYHURST ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPT AT 1PM.



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