

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of: Christ the King St Mary of the Assumption St John the Baptist BURNLEY



NEWSLETTER

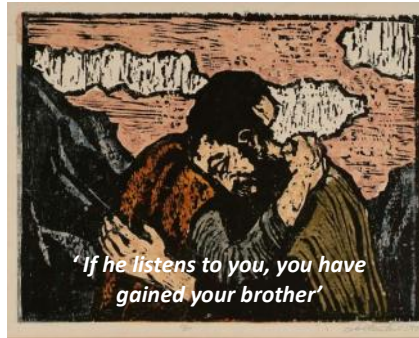
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR A



Today's Gospel gives us the approach that Jesus tells us we should adopt with those who wrong us. Failure to confront the person who is wronging us shows a lack of love and therefore we are neglecting our responsibility and duty as Christians.

I'm sure we all have incidences when people are wronging us or others that we know. These sorts of things can escalate; feuds, bitter grudges and disagreements are at the heart of much division in society and the basic cause of many conflicts and war. Unless handled carefully such things can rip apart families and communities. Like me, you probably prefer to keep it to yourself and put up with it quietly rather than confront the perpetrator which can be scary but can eat away at us. In addition, we might decide to tell other people about it, in fact everybody except the



perpetrator and the wrongdoing just carries on because the perpetrator may not even realise the error of their ways. However, that does not solve the problem there is no change, there is no reconciliation, but the problem persists. It just perpetuates the problem that continues, and the circle of wrongdoing is not broken. The only thing to do is to confront the person who is wronging us because it's the more charitable way. It gives them the opportunity to change. They can only know this if that they hear the truth. The reason we often shy away from confrontation is of course fear.

So let's be confident that Reconciliation can and does happen and it leads to great growth in both parties. Reconciliation should never be left untried because even though it is the harder way, it's the better way and it's God's way.

1ST OF THE MONTH - THIS SUNDAY

"1st of the Month" is here again on Sunday September 6th. We have refreshments, cakes and drinks, with lots of chat, whilst on the lawn the various cricket, Swingball, football and more games begin! It's **after the 10.45 am Mass at St Johns** and all are welcome.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Thanks to all who organised and supported the most enjoyable garden party. It most importantly brought people from across the parish together in an enjoyable and fun atmosphere and in the process raised an amazing net total of £1150.00 towards parish funds. Sincere thanks to everyone.

HAMPER RAFFLE—UNCLAIMED PRIZES

A few prizes remain unclaimed. The winning tickets are:

Pamper Set Green 613 **Ginger Wine** Orange 401 **Jigsaw Puzzle** Orange 446

Please call Barbara 07713 718 700 Or Frank 07930 508 209 to claim your prizes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Santillan, Philip Wolstenholme,

Other Intentions: Fr David White , for a sick person and their family,

Birthday Memoriam: Benjamin Cesarine

In Memoriam:

Lately Dead: Catherine Milliken Janice Barber, Seamus McLaughlin, Rosaleen Murphy, Christopher Hargreaves, James Corrigan, Adrienne Cockett,

Anniversaries: Philip Stephen Gordon, Leonard Gleeson, Irene Fell, , Peter Fell, , Peter Macken, Mr Clelland, Ian Flynn, Winnie Flynn, Eriberto



CAFOD NEWS



'One of our own' runs for CAFOD – On Sunday 13th September, James Capstick, one of our own parishioners will be taking on the challenge of a half-marathon. James will be part of TeamCAFOD as they return to the streets of Newcastle to face the world-famous Great North Run. He has run previously in support of CAFOD's work but has kindly offered to do so again. However, James needs your help to do this. Please will you consider sponsoring his efforts. Your sponsorship donations will help to transform the lives of communities overcoming poverty and injustice around the world.

James and members of the parish CAFOD group will be collecting sponsors over the weekend prior to the race with forms available at the back of our churches. However, the best way to sponsor him is via his JustGiving page, which is the easiest and cheapest method for CAFOD to collect sponsorship. Through your sponsorship donation you can help make the world a better place for all:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-capstick-7>

The parish CAFOD group want to thank James for deciding to run the Great North Run in aid of CAFOD and wish him the best of luck on race day.

Go James, go!

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: UPDATE AND THANKS

Our CAFOD Group would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to CAFOD's appeal. Cash donations of £290 have been passed to CAFOD and many parishioners will have donated online to the appeal. Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times. You can donate in the following ways:

1) via the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal> **OR**

2) via phone by calling 0303 303 3030 (9.30am–5.30pm, M–F) **OR**

3) Make a cash donation in an envelope marked "CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal" and placing it the offertory collection.



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you, or someone you know cannot get to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please ask their permission, then talk with Fr. David to arrange things.



PARISH BONUS BALL GAME

Thanks to all who support the Bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. Since changes to the National Lottery, **we will use the first of the two draws** as our source for our Bonus Ball. So in the light of the above information, the winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday was number **9**. Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:



St John's: ~ Roy

St Mary's: ~ Nora

Christ the King: ~ Kathleen

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

VOLUNTEERING CAN BE SO REWARDING

As Catholics we need to have access to Holy Mass, and so to feel part of a caring community. Could you do something that helps our housebound friends to be able to do both things? Yes, it **could** be you.

We can train you quickly and constantly help you to get and develop the skills which will help you at work, in your studies, and in your everyday life. You would learn to set up and operate the kit to broadcast the Mass at 10.00am on Sundays. It may sound 'too hard' but those who do it now learnt in a few sessions and were competent. The team and written guidance supported them along the way. So, yes you **could** do it.

As one of our team will be leaving to train for the priesthood and another is getting married and moving away we're getting to the stage where we may not be able to continue the weekly broadcasts, so please think hard, and yes, it **could** be you. Call Mike on 07563 998 334 to chat with no commitment. Try it once or twice with no commitment. Even with no IT skills now, yes, it **could** be you.

Please don't let our friends who need you down, because yes, it **could** be you.

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Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling
in the night



I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in
my heart

MEMORY SPACE AND MEMORIAL WALK IN SUPPORT OF MIND

On 8th October Christopher Whittle, a parishioner, is walking from Llandigai to Llas Ogwen on the Lôn Las Ogwen trail. He's walking in memory of his late brother Anthony Whittle who died on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs. Please support him with sponsorship in aid of mental health charity, Mind. Sponsorship forms are now available at the back of each of each of our three Churches.



A DAY OF HEALING AND PRAYER—ST MARY'S OSWALDTWISTLE TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

On Tuesday 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Mary's Parish, Oswaltdwistle, will celebrate a special Day of Healing and Prayer and everyone is warmly invited to join us. This is an opportunity to bring ourselves, our families and those we love before the Lord in prayer. You may wish to come seeking healing for yourself or for someone you love, or to pray for those experiencing difficulties in body, mind or spirit. Sometimes illness, suffering and the difficulties of life can become a barrier or stumbling block in our relationship with Our Lord Jesus. This day offers an opportunity to place these burdens before Him and to seek His mercy, peace and grace.

Programme

12.00 noon – Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, with several visiting priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

1.00pm – Holy Mass: Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with an opportunity during Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

7.00pm – Evening Healing Service: An evening of prayer for healing, with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and individual prayer ministry.

Everyone is warmly welcome to all or part of the day, and particularly consider bringing a family member or friend who may be experiencing a difficult time physically, emotionally or spiritually. Let us entrust this special day to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Birthday of Our Lady</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>St Peter Claver</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Ambrose Barlow</i> 9.15am Mass at St John's School	10.00am St Mary's
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.15am Mass at Christ the King School 11.00am Funeral Service at St John's for Kevin Cooney RIP 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation 11.30am to 11.55am	
Saturday	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i> 9.30 St Mary's 10.45 to 11.30am Exposition & Reconciliation at St Mary's 5.15pm to 5.55pm St John's Reconciliation and Exposition	
	Vigil Masses 6.00pm St. John's 6.30pm St. Mary's	
Sunday	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King: 9.15am 5.00pm St. Mary's: 10.00am (This Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website*). St. John's: 10.45am	



*Stay with us Lord on
our journey*

EXPOSITION:

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before the Masses from Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)

(*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

ST TERESA OF KOLKATA ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give you life. He is there so you can grow in love"



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 in a box at the back of each church. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 29/30 Aug for £1531.07 for which many thanks.

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