

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of:

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

BURNLEY



## NEWSLETTER

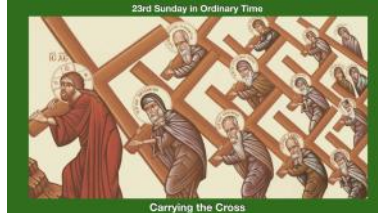
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus speaks to the crowds following him, highlighting that genuine discipleship requires total and unconditional commitment. It requires us to give our all to follow him. His words about "hating" our family and even our own life are an example of "hyperbole", a Jewish idiom used to emphasise the absolute priority we are to make of our relationship with God.

Jesus tells us that to be a true disciple means putting Christ before everything else; even before our family, the comforts of this world and our own ambitions. We should be prepared to "carry our own cross", by accepting the sacrifices and difficulties that come with living out the Gospel. We are also to



ensure our possessions do not possess us by having a healthy detachment from them. The parables of the builder of the tower as well as the king going to war, urge us to be aware of the cost involved so we can live the Gospel with our eyes wide open. If we do that we are most likely to be fully committed to finishing the pilgrimage of life with the flame of faith still alive in hearts.

Jesus calls us to move beyond a "comfortable faith" and honestly assess our priorities. His words remind us that following him is a radical invitation that calls us to reassess our priorities. As true disciples may we be fully committed followers, inspired by God's grace to daily choose Christ above all.

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

The "First of the Month" event, 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!!



### 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 duly confirmed. **There are still a number of seats available on the coach**, 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.



**Deacon Theo's first Mass in Burnley** We are hoping as many people as possible will come to Theo's first Mass in Burnley which is taking place at **St John's Church, Ivy St, at 7pm on Monday 29th Septem-**

### PARISH GARDEN PARTY



Sincere thanks to all who planned, organised and supported last Sunday's wonderful garden party. It was great to see people of all ages from across the three churches in the parish and beyond, working together and enjoying all that was on offer. The weather meant we had to adjust our plans somewhat but this did not detract from a brilliant afternoon of great conversation, fun and laughter. An added bonus was that the event raised a nett total of £1113.00 towards parish funds. Many thanks indeed.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Birthday Memoriam:** Margaret Hope, Winifred Edmondson, Benjamin Cesarine.

**Other Intentions;** Sr Maria FMSJ,

**Lately Dead:** Fr Robert Farrell, Frances Fielding, Salvatrice Licata, Sheila Holt, Mary Moss,

**Anniversaries:** Rita Kelly, Philip Wolstenholme Paula Giltrow-Helm, Irene Fell, Eriberto Santillan, Filipinas Timbol Alonso, Danilo Marasigan, Chris Keogh, Ian Flynn, Rita Kelly,



### 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.

### KSC CHARITY CONCERT

The Knights will hold a Charity Concert on Friday 3rd October at Burnley Cricket Club starting at 8.00pm. By popular demand TJ Kelly, top vocalist and guitarist will entertain. Tickets remain at £6.00 including light refreshments. More details and tickets soon.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

### GIFT AID APPEAL

Thank you for your response to the recent appeal. We are processing the information and will let you know the results for the benefit of the parish.

### 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



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 30/31<sup>st</sup> August was £1466.68, for which many thanks.

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

**For our relationship with all of creation.**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect



### 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 **28**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's TBA ~ Rollover      St Mary's ~ Danny      Christ the King ~ Sheila**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

**MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Please note the changes this week**

- Monday** *Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**10.00am: Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Frances Fielding RIP**
- Tuesday** *St Peter Claver*  
**10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Sheila Holt RIP**  
12.00 noon St John's
- Wednesday** *St Ambrose Barlow*  
9.30am Christ the King                      7.00pm St John's
- Thursday** *Weekday*  
**9.15am Mass at St John's School      10.00am St Mary's**
- Friday** *Weekday*  
12 Noon Mass St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am  
**1.00pm Funeral Mass at Christ the King for Salvatrice Licastri RIP**
- Saturday** *St John Chrysostom*  
9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am  
**12.30pm Wedding Mass at St Mary's for**  
**Emelda Ojukwu and Irabonosi Obomoghie**  
**Vigil Masses**  
6.00pm St John's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 5.15 to 5.55pm  
6.30m St Mary's
- Sunday** ***Twenty-Fourth 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)

*"Holy Spirit, Love Divine, full of new life and hope give us a fresh way of seeing our life as well as your true freedom to live forever in your love."*



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WEEKLY QUIZ**

**The Quiz resumes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms. Join the fun!**

**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.



**Clergy Team**

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