Parish of the Good Samaritan

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Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Sunday

27th September 2026 Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons to illustrate that words alone are not good enough. Pharisees were like the Son who said yes to God but really were not pleasing to God: this is a warning to us that one of greatest areas of sin is inactivity, sins of omission and omitting to do good. The second son in the parable represents sinners and tax collectors who had said initially no to God but seized the chance to repent and have a change of heart like the second son. It's sometimes seen as a weakness to change your mind; but it also takes courage and humility to admit you are wrong and have a change of heart. There are of course people who say no to God with their lives and take the chance to change the direction of their lives when it is offered; St Augustine of Hippo is a great example of this.

Jesus in today's Gospel calls us to daily conversion, a daily change of heart ourselves. Each day of our lives we are to choose to say yes to Christ, not just with our lips but with our actions too. The times when we say no to God are when we prefer to go our own way rather than God's way. We also know that we can change our mind, change our ways and that God will offer us that opportunity to put us back on track. We are to have confidence in what Jesus says about sinners, and this should give us hope and encouragement.

Faithfulness is one of greatest and necessary things in life, to be faithful however to our promises means we must keep on saying yes to God. We are to keep on following up our initial promise of faithfulness. It is costly however to be and remain faithful; It demands a spirit of sacrifice and of fortitude.

BEREAVEMENT MASS - PLANNING MEETING THIS WEEK - PLEASE COME

There will be a Mass, celebrated at St Mary's church, at **7.00pm on Thursday 12th November** at which the names of all who have died and have had their funeral in or through the Parish of The Good Samaritan in the last 12 months will be prayed for individually. A candle will also be lit for each of the faithful departed by a member of the family (or a friend) who will be invited personally to come to the Mass. Light refreshments for all present will follow in the parish rooms.

Anyone who is interested in planning this event is invited to a **meeting at St Mary's Presbytery at 7.00pm on Thursday 1st October.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR THEO

On Sunday 27th September, Fr Theo will be celebrating the first anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, which many of us will remember most warmly. We wish him many congratulations and thank him for all he has generously shared with us in the last year.

Ad Multos Annos.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Francesca Hosty, James Corrigan

Anniversaries: Maria Cristina Gonzalez-Summers, Owen and Sheila Doyle, John Green, Martin Cooke, Kath Young, Michael Reynolds, John Coupe, Norah and Russell Ingham,

Other Intentions: Haffanal and his family, Special intention for a sick person

Birthday Memoriam: James Burns, Ernest and Winifred McKnight

In Memoriam: Catherine Kilday, Mary Elenore Hawarth, John Neville Hawarth

Parish Stroll – THIS SUNDAY

The next Parish Stroll, to which all are welcome, will take place on Sunday September 27th gathering on the Thornton Arms (BB10 3JS) lower carpark at 1.30pm. We'll amble along the side of Rowley Lake, on to Heasandford Lodge, across the New Bridge and then back to the Thornton Arms where they do serve cups of tea! It's about 2.5 miles round trip with a slight down, then a slight up and no doubt the sun will shine!!

1ST OF THE MONTH

"1st of the Month" for October takes place on Sunday 4th after the 10.45am Mass at St Johns. It's an energetic half hour with various games across the lawn. 'Referees' tend to sit inside and enjoy the refreshments!!

CAFOD NEWS –SEPTEMBER 2026

James ran for CAFOD – James successfully completed the Great North Run (GNR) last Sunday in a time of just under 2 hours. A big thank you goes to James for running the GNR half marathon for CAFOD and to everyone who sponsored his efforts. James and the CAFOD group will let you know a final sponsorship total in the coming weeks.

A Prayer of Thanks for all our Priests on Fr Theo's First Anniversary

With grateful hearts we thank you. For your sacrifices seen and unseen, For your love and commitment of every day.

May the lord bless you for your faithfulness ,renew your strength and surround you with peace and joy. May you always do what is right and your work never be in vain.

May you always feel love gratitude and the prayers of those you serve.

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. **Thank You**

Pope Leo's Intention for September

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.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day is Friday 2 October. Our CAFOD group will give a short talk at all the Masses over next weekend, 26/27 September. Please donate to our parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, who is featured in the Fast Day appeal, to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

WELL DONE! – YOUR POWER CHANGED THINGS ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Newsletter, supported by Fr Theo's excellent homily, asked you to write to your MP to vote against this legislation. **You did and it worked!** When the legislation started last year Oliver Ryan voted in favour of its progress. He voted **against** on this last occasion and so the bill has been defeated. Our letter persuaded him to review all the detail of the information, and led to his change of heart. **Well Done Everybody!**

VOLUNTEERING CAN BE REWARDING AND SAVE THIS VITAL SERVICE

As Catholics we need to have access to Holy Mass, and so to feel part of a caring community. Our ability to do this through the streaming of Sunday Mass is at risk, as our current volunteers move on. ***The person to save the service could be you***

So, we're calling all age-groups: Students Working-Age People Retirees

Everyone can learn to do this vital task even if you're not very 'computer savvy'. We can train you quickly and we'll constantly help you to get and develop the skills which you would need. 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 then 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.**

Please speak with Fr David or John on 07475379009 to chat with no commitment. , (email teeta1938@gmail).com. Try it once or twice with no commitment. Even with no IT skills, yes, it could be you.

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

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. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday was number 29**.** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ rollover St Mary's: ~ WC Christ the King: ~ Mick

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

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.

MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 28th SEPT TO SUNDAY 4th OCT 2026

Monday *St Wenceslaus*

9.30am St Mary's School followed by tea and toast in canteen.

Tuesday *Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael*

9.30am St John's NB One Mass only today

Wednesday *St Jerome*

9.30am Christ the King, 7.00pm St John's

Thursday *St Therese of the Child Jesus*

9.30am St Mary's **NB One Mass only today**

Friday *Holy Guardian Angels*

11.30 – 11.55 Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's

12.00 noon St Mary's

Saturday *Weekday*

9.30am St Mary's 10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's,

2.00pm Wedding of Michael Morris and Jean Pearson at Christ the King

Reconciliation with Exposition at St John's from 5.15pm to 5.55pm

Vigil Masses 6.00pm: St John's 6.30pm at St Mary's,

Sunday ***27th Sunday Ordinary Time***

9.15am Christ the King, 5pm Mass Christ the King

10am St Mary's *(This Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish website and a recoding available later from Sunday afternoon.)*

10.45am St John's

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

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

Weekly Collection

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 12/13th Sept was £1503.45 for which many thanks.

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

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