

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B



#### Churches of

- ♦ Christ the King
- ♦ St Mary of the Assumption
- ♦ St John the Baptist Burnley

The Lord is asked by the Pharisees in today's Gospel about divorce: the Church largely bases its teaching about divorce on the response of the Lord that we hear in today's gospel. Basically the Lord endorses the belief that marriage binds two people together; the two are no longer two but one, therefore what God has joined together no one can break apart. It's for this reason therefore that the Church does not recognise divorce as being sufficient to break the marriage bond. For a variety of reasons, marriage does not always work out and marriages break down. Out of compassion, the Church naturally imitates Our Lord in giving pastoral care and support to those whose marriages do not last. There is a whole pastoral service in the Church, through the "Marriage Tribunal" that helps people who have experienced difficulties to be en-



abled to move on in their life. You can of course speak to a priest if you want to know more about this or any other aspect of marriage that might come

to mind.

Thankfully many marriages do last and it only right that we celebrate the joys as well as the sacrifices that go into many marriages. Therefore it is only right that we mark all the landmarks that come our way, not just 25th 40th 50th etc.. but the ones in between, every one of them is a sign of God's blessing and faithfulness to us.

We rejoice with those who are fulfilled and happy and are able to celebrate their marriages. We pray for those who suffer through their marriage experiences and we hope that many other couples in the future will embark upon this great adventure with the Lord.

#### DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS - PARISH MEETINGS

We have now entered the Exploration Stage of our Diocesan Synod. Thanks to those who came to the first session on 3rd October and for all that was shared on the first theme: **Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World**. There will now be three more 'Theme Gatherings' to consider the other three themes, between now and December, each one exploring a remaining themes from our Big Listen Report. The remaining themes are:

Theme 2: **Building Connections** ~ 6pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at Christ the King School

Theme 3: **Enabling Access** ~ 6pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov at St John's parish room

Theme 4: **Fostering Christ-like Care** ~ 6pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Mary's parish rooms

There will be a leaflet available prior to each session to help us prepare for the discussions. Please read the leaflets carefully and prayerfully to enable you to participate fully in the meetings.

**Our parish session to consider the next theme "Building Connections" will take place at Christ the King school on Thursday 7th at 6pm. All are welcome .**



## CAFOD NEWS— HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 4 OCTOBER

Last Friday was CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Thank you to everyone who took part in the CAFOD Fast Day. Please leave your envelope in the boxes at the back of each church. Your gifts will enable CAFOD to help people like Daniel, the carpenter, to provide for themselves and their families.



CAFOD was born when a team led by Jacquie Stuyt, and including Evelyn White, Nora Warmington and Elspeth Orchard, came together with others from the National Board of Catholic Women, the Catholic Women's League and the Union of Catholic Mothers to organise the first Family Fast Day in 1960.

## GAMES ON THE LAWN THIS SUNDAY — A REQUEST



"Games on the Lawn" continue on the first of the month: Sunday October 6th after the 10.45am Mass at St Johns, with refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone welcome to join in!! **And we have a request!?** Our weather could possibly push us inside for a few "First Sundays". If anyone has any simple inside games they no longer use we would be happy to accept them. Please contact Margaret P 07751 025178 with any queries or if collection is needed - Thanks

*Dear Lord, bring peace to our troubled world!*



*Inspire the warmongers, bring your love to their hearts and teach them to share your gifts fairly, amongst all their peoples.*

*Take pity on the suffering people, enable them to live with peace and justice, loving their neighbours. Restore their shattered lives, homes and families.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace.*

## SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next gathering for tea/coffee, darts, table tennis, cards, a quiz and a chat is coming up on Thursday 17th October from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome.



## SUPPORT ST JOHN'S PARISH SCHOOL

**Cashpot for Schools:** St John's have signed up for ASDA's 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign and would like the parish could support them. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to primary schools through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in-store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. St John's School Plastic Bottle Tops Recycling

**SchoolCycled Bottle-Top Collection:** As part of our Catholic Social Teaching, the school is working with SchoolCycled who recycle plastic lids. They collect them, shred them and then re-make them into plant pots and furniture. The aim of the project is to stop plastic going to landfill as well as educate pupils about the importance of looking after Earth, our common home. School can also have free access to the recycled products. There will be a collection box at St John's church or you can drop them off at school. **THANK YOU** **No metal tops please**

## PRAYER AND ACTION: A CAMINO CHALLENGE



Fr Chris Gorton, one of our diocesan priests in Bolton, and previously at Holy Saviour Nelson, is set to embark on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

## KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS



Our next quiz in St Mary's parish Rooms will be on Monday 7th October. Entrance fee of £2 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome.



## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Birthday Memoriams:** Myra Walne.

**Other Intentions:** For a sick person, In thanks-giving, A special intention.

**Lately Dead:** Sydney Augner, Fr Michael Twomey, Gladys Walsh.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Reynolds Jr, James Whitehead, William Greenhalgh, Gerda Greenhalgh, James Nutter, John Joseph, Patrick Canning, Martin Canning, Francis O'Hare,



### MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS—ST JOHN'S AND CHRIST THE KING



**Christ the King:** October is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 to arrange collection. Thank you

**St John's:** Please bring boxes/monies to church or give to your promoter. If you would like a box or your monies collected please ring Lynn on 433832.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### TAKE ACTION ON THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to join other Catholics in taking action on the government's two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families, introduced in 2017. All you need to do is complete a short e-Action form that automatically contacts your MP to outline your opposition to the cap. Head to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/> to find out more and complete the form.

*Marriage Prayer: Lord help me to be a better person for our marriage and for my spouse so our marriage can grow stronger, more trusting, more loving.*

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE

Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place between 15th-17th May 2025.

Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OCTOBER 2024— FOR THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

*Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.*



### PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 2nd October was number **2**. Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Helen**

**St Mary's ~ Patricia**

**Christ the King ~ Rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



There are two sources of help for people and families who need support.

You pay a registration fee of £5 for the year, and can then shop weekly (or more often if need be) for £4 per visit — the usual 'shop' is equal to about £20/£30 in any other supermarket. The two shops are 1) in the shopping centre square above New Look, and 2) Valley St near the cemetery. They're open Monday to Friday 9.30am to

4.30pm. Just drop in, see and buy!



The people of the parish have given donations and goods, through and in addition to the excellent work of Blessed Trinity College, who have raised **over £14,000** since they started. You are asked to continue to put food into the collection point in many supermarkets, as well as using the Blessed Trinity site for financial donations at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving>.

**Thank you all!**

**MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024**

**Please note the changes this week**

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St John Henry Newman</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Paulinus of York</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St John XXIII</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am.	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Wilfred</i> 9.30am St. Mary's followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.	
<b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's		
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 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 will be available later from Sunday afternoon)	

**Exposition**  
There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection , not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 28/29 Sept was £1263.04 , 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

**Thank you.**



**ESCORTED TOUR—RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE / KNOCK SHRINE**

Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Sunday 03rd November 2024. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. <http://www.knockpilgrimages.com/>

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