Parish of the Good Samaritan

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Newsletter

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2026 Year A

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in addressing to the chief priests and elders his parable about the king's banquet, was stating that the Chosen People are not responding to his teaching to build the kingdom and so it is offered to everyone who is prepared to listen and respond to it.

We have all been invited to this great banquet, but we must respond to such an invitation, and it requires a response through the way we live our daily lives. However, our lives are busy and preoccupied, so we can find lots of reasons for not making God a priority. It is quite understandable when there are more immediate demands on our time. It is easy to push God back, convincing ourselves that we don't need to worry about God and eternity and heaven until later. The people in Gospel all had reasonable excuses not to come to the banquet, all good worthwhile things. However there does come a time when we do need to make the Lord number one priority and that should start now, not tomorrow.

We get a foretaste of the heavenly Banquet in the Mass; the finest food is the body of Jesus; the finest wine is the blood of Christ . He is present to us, and this is a promise of eternal life. Holy Communion is the real presence of Jesus, so what greater gift can we possibly be invited to receive. We do need to respond however we can think of lots of good reasons why we don't make the Lord and Sunday Mass a priority. It's only an hour out of our weekly lives, to give honour and thanks to God for all the blessings in the week. So, we give thanks for the love of God that extends to all. May we respond each day by making nourishing our faith and our relationship with Our Lord a major priority in our lives, this we do through faithfulness to the Gospel, prayer and receiving the Lord in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass . "Let us be glad and rejoice at his salvation".

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Peggy Eastham, Rennie Hartley, James Corrigan, Michael O'Donoghue, Mark Silcock, John Murray,

Anniversaries: Anna Joseph, Elizabeth Green, John (Jack) Taylor, Marie Manning,

Other Intentions: In thanksgiving for favours received

In Memoriam: Alexis Marsalin, Francina Marsalin, B.P. Joseph, Matthew Joseph, Vanessa Damien

Birthday: Cornelius Maidens

PARISH BEREAVEMENT MASS

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 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.

CAFOD NEWS –SEPTEMBER 2026

CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day was on 2 October. Thank you for your donations so far, and you can still donate by use the CAFOD envelope to donate in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

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.

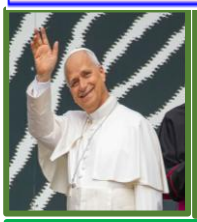
Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester

The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21. Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God.

As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character. Contact: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.



Pope Leo's Intention for October
For mental health ministry.
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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 **39.** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ Veronica **St Mary's: ~ Donna** **Christ the King: ~ Rollover**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 12th OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 18th OCT 2026

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

Monday *St Wilfred*
9.30am St Mary's

Tuesday *St Edward the Confessor*
9.30am St Marys **NB One Mass only today**

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

Thursday *St Theresa of Avila*
9.30am St Mary's 10am St John's

Friday *St Margaret Mary Alacoque*
12.00 noon St Mary's, preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11:30 to 11:55
1:15pm Funeral Service at St John's for Peggy Eastham RIP

Saturday *St Ignatius of Antioch*
9.30am St Mary's 10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's,
5.15pm to 5.55pm Reconciliation with Exposition John's

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

Sunday ***29th Sunday Ordinary Time***
9.15am Christ the King, 5pm Mass Christ the King
10.00am St Mary's *(This Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish website and a recording available later from Sunday afternoon.)*
10.45am St John's

Weekly Collection

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 3rd/4th October was £1949.55 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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