

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



## NEWSLETTER

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the parable of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee. The Pharisee comes to pray before the Lord full of pride and comparing himself favourably to others. The Tax Collector comes before God in prayer full of humility and admits he is a sinner. In the parable Jesus guides us as to how we should approach God in prayer.

The proud Pharisee relies on his own good works because he seems to think that God owes salvation to him. He is honest in his approach to prayer but he seemed to not need God's grace, mercy or forgiveness. The tax-collector on the other hand, has nothing to rely on except the



mercy and love of God. Even though he doesn't say much, the tax collector is held up by Jesus as having the better heart in his approach to prayer. Jesus tells us that the humble heart will always receive God's forgiveness. So as we think of our own approach to prayer, let us

rid ourselves of comparing ourselves to others. Let us come before the Lord aware that we are not perfect but instead in much need of his mercy and forgiveness. Let us trust in the Lord to welcome us and listen to us as we open the door to him and allow him to enter into the depths of our being. Let us make the tax collector's prayer our own: "God, be merciful to me a sinner"

**EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN ( EVC ) UGANDA — PARISH APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**

### TWO PARISH MASS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### FR. JOB'S FINAL MASS IN THE PARISH



Fr Job will be taking on his own parish in Moston, North Manchester in early November. He will celebrate his last Mass in the parish at St John's at 10am on Tuesday 4th November. On this occasion Fr Job will be joined at the altar by Fr David, Fr Theo and a few other priests from across the Deanery. This will be the only Mass in the parish that day. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the upper parish hall/presbytery.

**All are welcome.**

#### ST JOHN VIANNEY DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

Our annual concelebrated Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of the Diocese will be led by Fr David at St Mary's church on Thursday 6th November at 10am.

**All are welcome**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Carol Thornton, Stanley Hodson, Jean Washbrook, Alan McClelland, John D'Arcy, Steven Threlkeld, Peter Mullen, Mary Brown, Geraldine Tolan, James Slack, John Wilkinson, Philomena Spencer, Christina Clugh,

**Birthdays Memoriam:** Eddie Heap, Richard Wilson,

**Anniversaries:** John Stinchon, Jackie Devlin, Arthur Aspden, Jose F D D'Silva, Eddie Heap, Mary Bryson, Ernest and Winifred McKnight,

**Other intentions:** in thanks, Christelle, Miguel and Micah, Fr Job's ints,

**In Memoriam:** Alan Bedford



## SVP HOUSEBOUND MASS



The next SVP Housebound Mass will take place on Saturday November 15th at 12 15pm in St John's Parish Hall, followed by our usual lunch. As per usual it is an extended invitation across the parish for anyone who is housebound, alone or who would like to attend. Should transport be required please contact Maria on 07929256406 or Klaus on 07977913092. Our Advent Housebound Mass will be on Saturday December 13th at 12 15pm.

## SVP RECRUITMENT WEEKEND

This will take place on the 8th and 9th of November. Royston Calico is our Membership Support Officer and he will be giving a lectern address at most of the masses that weekend. Please keep him and our Conference in your prayers for a successful outcome. If you are interested in hearing more about the SVP before the recruitment weekend email roystonc@svp.org.uk"

## CAFOD PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

The Parish organises this fundraiser for CAFOD's work. It's a fun Quiz to be held at St John's Parish Rooms on Friday 21st November starting at 7.00pm prompt. (Doors open 6.30pm). The price is £7.50 and includes a Pie and Peas supper. Tea and coffee available (donation). If you prefer an alcoholic drink, please bring your drink of choice.



**Everyone welcome—fun and fund raising!**

## WORD ON FIRE COMES TO SALFORD - 'EVANGELISING THE CULTURE'

Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church, and refreshments will be served beforehand at 6:45pm in the cloisters. Please book your place by emailing enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or call 0161 817 2210.

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES - A MOMENT OF PRAYER

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember, in a special way this November, our loved ones with the return of its Memorial Service. Taking place on **Friday 7th November, between 9.30-10.30am**, the memorial service provides a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

**For collaboration between different religious traditions**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



## 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 for last Wednesday was number **9**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Sandra      St Mary's ~ Seamus Christ the King ~ Kathleen**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN ( EVC ) UGANDA — APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This Charity provides a future, through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief talk at all the Masses about their work. For more information about EVC please go to their website at <http://www.evuganda.org>

### GAMES ON THE LAWN—NEXT WEEKEND

The next "Games on the Lawn" is on the first Sunday of the month— November 2nd at St Johns after the 1045am mass with a raffle and refreshments in the Parish Hall - All Welcome!!

### SONGS OF PRAISE FOR JUBILEE YEAR—NEW DATE!

The new date for this event with the String Quartet which includes Fr Theo is Thursday evening **13th November at St Mary's** church followed by refreshments in the parish rooms. Admission is free. Further details to follow shortly.

### MISSIO RED BOXES



The autumn booklets now being distributed for the **St. John's** community. Please bring your boxes/monies to church or ring Lynn for collection 433832 and to request a RED BOX if you are able to share/spare your pennies/pounds - prayers also especially useful.

**Many thanks.**

For the **Christ the King** community October is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen on 07593 854661 to arrange collection.

**Thank you for your amazing continuing support.**

*Small things done with great love will change the world.*

St Teresa of  
Kolkata

### ADVENT TALKS: REFLECTING ON DILEXI TE

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty.

The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, (Little Hulton) and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email [joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com) or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

### 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.



### 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. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.



### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

**KSC WEEKLY QUIZ:** Our next quiz night will be on Monday 27th October at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms. Come and join the fun and evening with friends!

### 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). There is a 'points' system. 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!



Community Foodbank: The Foodbank will provide emergency food parcels (1 per month)

providing 3 days of essentials.

The staff will discuss your needs and let you know if you are eligible for the service. Just contact to see if you are eligible for support: 01282 686402 [contact@burnleytogether.org.uk](mailto:contact@burnleytogether.org.uk)

The Services are there to help **you**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> <b>9.15am St. Mary's</b> <b>10.30am Funeral Service at Christ the King for Jean Washbrook RIP.</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Ss Simon and Jude</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 12,00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition with Reconciliation from 11.30am to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's, Exposition with Reconciliation from 10.30am to 11.30am	
	<b>Vigil Masses</b> 6.00pm St. John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm 6.30m St. Mary's	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 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	

**EXPOSITION:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

### ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY CHANGE OF DATE



This year All Saints Day is being transferred to Sunday, 2nd November and All Souls Day will be celebrated on Monday 3rd November. Our Sunday Masses will be as usual, and Masses in the parish for All Souls Day will be as follows:  
St Mary's 9.30am and 6.30pm at Christ the King.



### 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.**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 18/19th October was £1358.40 , for which, many thanks.

### Clergy Team

Parish Priest: Fr David Featherstone	St Mary of the Assumption 01282 422007
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