# Parish of the Good Samaritan

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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
## 8th November 2026 Year A
## Remembrance Sunday



Jesus is exemplified in the parable of the five wise bridesmaids in today's powerful parable. Since we don't know the hour when the Lord (the Bridegroom) will come, we need to be always ready with our lamps lit, so we can enter the kingdom. This means to have kept the flame of faith alive in our hearts through a life of service and faithfulness. Thus, the Lord will recognize us. He will recognise us because we have been like himself, that is, Christ like. We are not going to be judged on one momentary lapse but on our lives as a whole. To always be ready for the Lord to come like the wise bridesmaids, means we are to be doers of God's Word not just hearers of it.

We should treat this seriously and not see it as a bit of a laugh as the foolish bridesmaids did. Remember we are only ever one second way from eternity, one split second away from knocking on the door of heaven. Therefore, we should be wise and ensure the flame of faith is always alive in our hearts. We should therefore always be thankful that the Lord is in our lives.

On this Remembrance Sunday we are remembering to say thanks for the generosity of so many people who gave their lives bravely for their country in two World Wars and other conflicts since.

In today's second reading St Paul, in his wisdom, tells us that grieving for those who have died is good, our grieving as Christians needs to be tempered with hope ; that's the hope of heaven's door being opened by the Lord for those who have died and have gone before us.

### CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIME – ST MARY'S 22ND NOVEMBER

**We have changed the Mass time on 22nd November to start at 9.00am** because of the BFC vs Blackburn Rovers match at noon at Turf Moor that day. Regrettably, we also have to cancel the Coffee Morning and Produce Stall. Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.



### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AFTER 10.00AM MASS AT ST MARY'S

At the end of 10.00 Mass at St Mary's our priest and servers will go to our War Memorial on Yorkshire St. You are invited to follow the priest and servers as the final hymn is being sung for this short remembrance service to honour our war-dead

## ADVENT MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND – 5TH DECEMBER 2026

The SVP are holding their annual Advent Mass on **Saturday December 5th in St John's Parish Hall starting at 12.15 pm**. This is followed by our usual Christmas party. We invite our housebound parishioners and any new people who find themselves alone or in this situation to come and join us. Transport can be provided if needed. Contact Maria on 07929256496 or Klaus on 07977913092.

## SVP CHRISTMAS FOOD BAG APPEAL

Last Christmas the SVP made up twenty-seven food bags to give to families paid for out of our funds. This year our funds won't stretch that far. To help us achieve this objective we ask for your help. Every week until 29th November we ask to buy an item for a Christmas hamper. Suggested items, non-perishable food, chocolates, tins, biscuits, selection boxes etc. A box is at the back of each church for your donations. **Thank you in advance. for your support.**

## PARISH CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Once again, we are delighted to be able to put on a Christmas day lunch for those who would like to attend, especially people who might otherwise be on their own. If you would like to book a place, please contact Mike 07929451566 . Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

## AFTERNOON TEA FOR REMEMBRANCE

**This will take place** at 12.30 On Wednesday 11th November 2026 in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The Cost is £7.00. A list is at the back of the church at St Mary's. All are welcome For information contact Elaine 01282 413127.

## REMEMBRANCE AND AFTERNOON TEA AT BTCC

This annual event will take place on **Tuesday 10th November at 1.00pm** at Blessed Trinity. Through song and dance the children provide excellently produced performances of remembrance, as well as communal singing of songs , sad and cheery, of the war years. Places are limited. There is no charge for the event but a donation to the British Legion would be appreciated. If you are interested please contact Fr David.

## CAFOD NEWS - NOVEMBER 2026

**Harvest fast day appeal** A huge thank you from the parish CAFOD Group to all who donated to the Harvest Fast Day appeal which raised £1,268.81, some of which was boosted by Gift Aid. The CAFOD Group also thank those who donated online or by post and those who make regular donations by standing order. CAFOD will use your donations wisely to improve the lives of communities like Tayla's in Zimbabwe.

**Cafod world gifts: love your neighbour this Christmas** Share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift - from safe water to school supplies! A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Since 2004, when CAFOD World Gifts was launched, over £21.5 million has been raised bringing joy to loved ones and helping people and communities living in poverty around the World. Please collect a catalogue from the back of Church or visit worldgifts.cafod.org.uk to view all the gifts.

## THANK YOU

Massive Grateful Thanks to all contributors large and small for the Anthony Joseph Whittle memorial way walk in remembrance of Christopher's late brother who passed away in Bangor, Wales on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs, Thankyou for the parishioners of the parish of the Good Samaritan as well as to the staff from Dove Court Nursing Home. Chris has so far raised over £200 with a few donations still to come in this week. Payments will be made to Mind.

## 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

**Lately Dead:** Jackie Killian, Mark Silcock, David Elliot, Eileen Ennis, Robert Bruce, Stephen Rogers, Kathleen Harrison,

**Anniversaries:** Bernard Dooley , Philip Walsh, Ralucukwu Magrate Emezuo, Eileen Campion

**In Memoriam:** John Hutton

**November Memoriam:** Mary Fleming, Deceased members of the Fleming family, Deceased members of the Murray family

**Birthday Memoriam:** Eddie Heap, Malcolm Robinson, Bernard Dooley. Mick Campion

**Other Intentions:** B P Joseph, Matthew Joseph, Joseph Bensley, Mary Bensley, Marsalin Alexis, Francina Marsalin, Bridget John, John Augustine, Vareed Alexis, Kenneth Damien Special intention, Doreen Allen, Birthday intention, Success with medical procedure,

## NOVEMBER MASSES IN THE PARISH FOR THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we remember our dead -- family, friends, and people we have known. We ask God's mercy on their journey to heaven and ask them to intercede for us as we pray. The parish offers a number of Masses to help us focus on this aspect of our own journeys:

### PARISH BEREAVEMENT MASS – THIS Thursday 12th |December

The parish comes together for a Mass, celebrated at St Mary's church, at **7.00pm on Thursday 12th November.** During the Mass 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.

### KSC MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS Saturday 14th November

The Knights of St Columba come together to remember deceased brothers, their families, and all those who have supported them in their work at **9.30am on 14th November St Mary's preceded at 9.00am praying a Rosary for peace**.

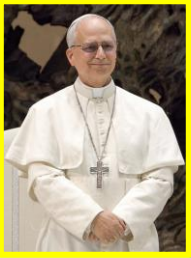
**Try to take an opportunity during the month to quietly and prayerfully remember a loved one.**

## 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.

## MISSIO BOXES AT CHRIST THE KING

For the Christ the King Community this 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.**



*Pope Leo's Intention for November*
*For the proper use of wealth.*
*Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.*

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

**St John's: ~ Jill St Mary's: ~ Dan Christ the King: ~ Kathleen**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

## MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 15th NOV 2026

**Monday** *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
**6.30pm St Mary's NB one Mass only today**

**Tuesday** *St Leo the Great*
9.30am St Marys 12.00 noon St John's

**Wednesday** *St Martin of Tours*
9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's

**Thursday** *St Josaphat*
**9.30am St John's**
**1.00pm Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Kathleen Harrison RIP**
**7.00pm Parish Bereavement Mass at St Mary's**

**Friday** *Weekday*
11.30 – 11.55 Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's
12.00 noon St Mary's

**Saturday** *Weekday*
**9.30am KSC Mass for Deceased Brothers preceded at 9.00am Rosary for Peace**
10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at St Mary's
Reconciliation with Exposition John's from 5.15pm to 5.55pm

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

**Sunday** ***33rd Sunday in 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 recoding available later from Sunday afternoon.)*
10.45am St John's

*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

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

### 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

### Weekly Collection

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 31 Oct / 1st Nov was £1497.42, for which many thanks.

### Clergy Team

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