

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH JUNE 2023 YEAR A



Churches of

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

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

At the heart of our faith is a God who takes the initiative with us and reaches out to us. This reaching out is driven by love for the people. We see that clearly in today's Gospel, when we are told Jesus felt compassion for the people because they felt harassed and dejected like sheep without a shepherd.



He goes on to appoint from his followers twelve who would be very close to him and would be called Apostles, those who are sent. On paper these twelve ordinary men were not the most learned or impressive of people, however with the guidance of

the Holy Spirit they achieved through the Church which is founded on their faith.

There is more need than ever in our world today to bring hope to the people of our own time who at times

also feel dejected and harassed by the challenges of modern life. May we respond to Christ's invitation to us to remain his followers to help bring in the harvest for the Lord. Let us not be discouraged by the enormity of the task that lies ahead but just be willing to put our gifts and time at the service of the Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION—A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks to all who were involved in making the Deanery celebration of Confirmation last Wednesday with Bishop John so memorable and beautiful. Our warm congratulations to the 50 young people from the parish and the Deanery who chose to receive this Sacrament as part of their faith journey.



SUMMER SIZZLER PROGRESS REPORT

Sunday 9th July at Saint John the Baptist from 12.00 noon



Following our planning meetings we are delighted to say things are going well.

If you have any possible tombola prizes or are prepared to make a cake, or more importantly can you help to run any of the activity, please contact Margaret on 07751025178 or after Mass at St Johns on Sunday.

We have lots planned including a brass band, guitar music from Fr David, a barbeque, tombola, cakes, line dancing demonstration and lots more.

Please put the date in your diary, and come with your family and spend some time with friends in a fun environment! Have lunch—BBQ or the speciality rice dish of Fathers Job and Benjamin. Enjoy the entertainment! Or better still, help the organisers and feel the satisfaction of being a real active part of the fun.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Jim Threlfall, Fr Jack Rigby, Edna Hartley, Kathleen Peart, Anita Huggins.

Other Intentions: Marie Baldwin, Ernest and Winifred McKnight (Fathers day) Peter Smith Scoble.

Birthday Memoriam: Claire Halstead (Nee Scaife), Margaret Mary Williamson, Seamus Lalor.

In Memoriam: Alf Duffield.

Anniversaries: Barrie Oliver, William Kelly, Irvine Fell.



JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR BLESSED TRINITY PRESENTATION

BTRCCC will perform Jesus Christ Superstar at Burnley Mechanics on 12th, 13th, and 14th July starting at 7.00pm. It's a very popular show, which has been greatly enjoyed for several decades. Tickets are £10, or £8 for concessions from the Mechanics and its website. The College and the young people will really appreciate your support, and it will be a good night out. Have fun!

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

Our next gathering will be on **Thursday 22nd June** in the St. Mary's Parish Rooms from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome for tea, biscuits, table tennis, darts, a quiz and a chat.

A MIDSUMMER MUSICAL MEDLEY

Burnley Municipal Choir presents A Midsummer Musical Medley at St Catherine's Church, Todmorden Road on Sunday 25th June at 7pm. Music from Les Miserables, Faure and spirituals arranged by John Rutter. Tickets £10 from www.burnleychoir.co.uk or pay on the door.

FAMILY BOWLS AFTERNOON

The local Catenians are having their annual Family day at Greenhill Bowling Club on Saturday 24th June starting at 1.00pm. It's a fun event for everyone even if you've never played bowls before—we have experienced folks who will help you. If you want to join the fun please email (marmfield@hotmail.co.uk) Mick Armfield by 16th June saying whether you will be a player or watching. Mick will give you the details.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FROM POPE FRANCIS



*"This is a prayer we need to pray every day, every day:
'Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God,
may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open
to the beauty of God, every day'."*

MASS FOLLOWED BY SUPPER AT TURF MOOR

Thanks to all those who have put their names down for the Supper at Turf Moor following Mass at St Mary's at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th July. With so many of us gathering, it should be a lovely occasion. Further details of the Mass and supper will be given in the Newsletter shortly.

TUESDAY CLUB AT ST. MARY'S

The Tuesday club meets every Tuesday from 1pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's. We have games of Bingo, refreshments and a good "catch up" with friends. All are welcome from across the parish. For more information please contact Marie tel 07427770970.

Daily Prayer for Peace in Ukraine: It is clear that the need for peace in the world is great, and little sign that it will happen through worldly means. A parishioner has suggested that say the 'Our' Father at 9.00pm every evening. until the war ends. Please join in!

DEANERY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Deanery Vocations Mass will be at 7pm Friday on 7th July Deanery Mass for Vocations at St Mary's, followed by light refreshments for all present in the parish rooms.

Deanery Holy Hour will be on Tuesday 27th July for the work of the Diocesan Synod with Bishop John at St Mary's. This will start at 7pm and be preceded by refreshments in the parish rooms from 6.30pm.

Please support Fr David in his capacity as Dean

THE APOSTLES

Like most of us, the Apostles probably thought of themselves as 'ordinary' people. Today we hear that they accepted the challenge of this extraordinary man to heal, to expel evil spirits, to preach the word of your endless love. How must they have felt? Uncertain, even frightened? Over-faced at the challenge? But they trusted in your promise to be with them, and went out to do your bidding. Please, Lord help us to respond to your word, your challenge to be his voice and action in the world today.



THE LEGION OF MARY THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN Our Lady of Mercy Praesidium



The Legion of Mary work is carried out through the intercessions of Our Lady and consists of attendance on a weekly meeting and the performance of a weekly task. The visits are carried out in pairs, mainly visits to the sick, housebound or elderly. Meetings are at 7.00pm on Mondays in St Mary's Parish Rooms, and are held in a relaxed prayerful atmosphere and last about an hour. Men and ladies are most welcome. Spiritual leader Fr David Featherstone. For more information call President Sr Maureen on 01282 456152 Mobile 07958 421225

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

KSC Weekly Quiz: Every Monday at 8.30pm in the Club. Come along and join a team.

Sponsored Cycle Ride



Jamie Capstick, of St Mary's community, and Action and Youth Officer of the KSC greatly appreciates your support. His next venture is to cycle 1,600 miles from the north to the south coast of Ireland for Cancer Research, Ireland, 11th to 25th June. He will welcome your 'amazing' support once more. Go to justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jamescapstick to donate. Thank you!



Thank you

Thanks to Fr David for his celebration of Mass on the vigil of the Feast of St Columba and all those who helped the Knights to commemorate the feast of their patron.

COMMUNITY GROCERY



This is a grocery targeted for those people who are having difficulties in the cost of living crisis. 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!

FOODBANK

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 £13,590 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>. St John's will continue to accept money gifts, in an envelope clearly marked dropped into the presbytery letterbox. Donations for May totalled £60 **Enormous thanks to everyone.**

Both of these organisations can help people with other ways of dealing with their problems in affording to lead healthy lives. If you ask, the volunteers will guide you to all sources of help.

In these times, getting all the help available is just plain common sense. Don't be shy.



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 19TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023

Please note the changes this week.

- Monday** *St Romauld*
9.30am St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
- Tuesday** *St Alban*
9.30am St. John's
10.45am Funeral Mass for Kathleen Peart (RIP) at St Mary's.
- Wednesday** *St Aloysius Gonzaga*
9.30am Christ the King **Only one Mass today**
- Thursday** *Weekday*
9.30am St. Mary's 10.00am St John's
- Friday** *St Etheldreda*
9.15am Mass in St John's School
11.00am Funeral Mass Edna Hartley (RIP) at St John's

Exposition

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

NB No Exposition or Reconciliation at St Mary's today

- Saturday** *Nativity of St John the Baptist*
9.30am St Mary's followed by Reconciliation with Exposition from 10.30am to 11.30am
Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition
6.30pm St Mary's
- Sunday** *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
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

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."

Pope Francis



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JUNE 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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.



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.



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