

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH JULY 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Churches of

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

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked about who is his neighbour and he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The characters of the Priest and the Levite were revealed by the desperate situation they



come upon, where they chose to do nothing. They did not stop; they knew that to stop and help would risk their own lives, it was a dangerous place. They did want to get involved, they did not want to have their day disrupted, but they came across as cold, uncaring, selfish people. They represented the Law but the Law of God seemed to be remote from them, not within them, nor in their hearts.

Then there is the third traveller; the least likely to have come to the rescue. Being a Samaritan, the outsider; he is not expected to be faithful to the Law of God. Yet he shows his true colours; he sees the man left for dead and immediately his heart tells him what to do; instinctively he helps because God's law is

written in his heart. This reveals him to be a risk-taker, utterly selfless, driven by his heart to be generous, caring and compassionate, It showed he had a inner love that drove him to naturally want to

respond to the needs of a fellow human being, regardless of prejudices and what the usual thing to do is. It simply tells us when a fellow human being is in trouble its always the right thing to help.

For me Jesus is the Good Samaritan, the outcast who gave his all on the Cross, in which we see the greatest expression of compassion and love..

Let us pray that the Spirit which is the love between the Father and the Son purifies our hearts to enable us to more naturally and instinctively think act and speak like Jesus and bring his care, love and compassion to all those we encounter, especially those in need of the Lord's love.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY—SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST



Thanks to all those who came to the parish Social and Fundraising meeting on Tuesday evening, which was very well attended. We have agreed that **the parish garden party will take at St Mary's presbytery Garden on Sunday 31st August**, starting at 2pm. Tickets (£5 per adult, accompanied under 16's free) will go on sale shortly.

As well as putting on delicious Afternoon Tea we will be also offering stalls that will be fun for people of all ages such as: Knock the cans, Hamper Raffle,

Spin the Wheel, Spot the Ball, Velcro darts, and a tombola. We need items for the tombola stall; these can be placed in a box that will be located in each of the three churches of the parish.

We also need more helpers, so please say "yes" if you are asked to lend a hand.

Please come along and enjoy this important parish social and fundraiser, with afternoon tea amongst friends.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Edward Stincheon, Ellie Parr, Stanley Daley, Margaret Janowski, Edith Eastwood, Barry Cowell. Anne Gaughan,

Birthday Memoriam: William Wilson.

Other Intentions: A Special Intention for Irene Hacking, Fr David's 32nd Anniversary of Ordination, A sick friend.

Anniversaries: Cory Wilson, Paul Spencer, Kevin Patrick Nicholls, Canon Francis Deeney, Mick Campion.

In Memoriam: Walter and Norah Morley.



CAFOD PARISH WALK—PILGRIMS OF HOPE



A group of parishioners took part in last Sunday's short pilgrimage walk from St Mary's to Towneley Hall returning to the parish rooms to enjoy afternoon tea refreshments. Everyone joined in the CAFOD Jubilee 'prayer of hope' which was prayed at the start, at Towneley Hall and on return to St Mary's. The parish CAFOD Group thanks Fr David, all who took part in the walk, to those who baked splendid cakes and everyone who helped to make the walk a success. A total of £191 was raised which is to be shared equally between CAFOD and our parish. **A few of the prayer cards** used on the walk are available at the back of each of our churches for parishioners.

SVP ACTIVITY OVER THE PAST YEAR—THANK YOU!

Over recent weeks the local SVP group has detailed all the help they have given wherever needed. I remarkable list of achievement! As a parish we thank them for their dedication and hard work. **God bless you all.**



TRAINING SESSION AVAILABLE FOR USING A DEFIBRILATOR

We now have this facility available in all three churches of our parish. **Could you use one?!**

We have now asked North West Ambulance to provide **training** use of our defibrillators and cardio pulmonary resuscitation, which will take place **at 2.00pm on Saturday 26th July** in St. Mary's Parish Rooms. Booking is not necessary, so please so turn up on the day. Come along—save a life!

FIRST OF THE MONTH / GAMES ON THE LAWN

The July "First of the Month" was special with our First Communion youngsters celebrating along with their families and the wider parish family. "Stitch" has found a new home with one of the youngsters, it's again a big thanks to all for all that is given and £94 raised for Parish funds!!



The "Secret Singers" which include four of our Parish family, are in concert at St John's Church George Lane Read, Burnley BB12 7RL on **Thursday July 17th** singing songs from around the world in various harmonies!! Starts 7.30pm, £10 on the door includes homemade refreshments. If you like what you hear you may wish to join us in the future - guaranteed to help you with singing across our Parish celebrations.....!

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS AUGUST

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book open/ or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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 number for Wednesday 9th July was number **57 (again!)** Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Rollover St Mary's ~ Norah Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 14TH JULY TO SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Camillus of Lellis</i> 9.30am at St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>St Bonaventure</i> 9.15am at Christ the King School	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 9.15am at St Mary's School	9.30am Christ the King (Church)
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.15am at St John's School	Only One Mass Today
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass St Mary's, preceded at 11.30am with Reconciliation with Adoration	
	2.00pm Wedding Mass at St Mary's for Rhiann Donnelly and Joshua Redfern.	
Saturday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am	
	Vigil Masses 6.00pm St John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm 6.30m St Mary's	
Sunday	<i>Sixteenth 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 should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

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



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WEEKLY QUIZ

Our next quiz night will be on Monday 14th July at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 5/6 July was for £ 1616.53 for which many thanks.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

OUR NEXT GATHERING FOR CARDS, TABLE TENNIS, DARTS, QUIZ, A CUPPA, BISCUITS AND A CHAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS FROM 1..30PM TO 3.30PM ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY. 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.



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