

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD JULY 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

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the wheat and the darnel. At the beginning of the growth process, both wheat and darnel look the same; the darnel looks like wheat. Only as harvest time approaches do we notice a difference they all grow together. The difference between the two then becomes apparent. In any relationship people enter into a friendship or even a marriage with good intentions, it takes the test of time to work out what are the good bits and what are the bad. Everything in life needs the test of time to see what the reality is. There is no substitute for real life.



our world and in our lives. This involves prayer and faithfulness to God. This should lead to a deeper personal friendship with Christ and this is always the best way to remove evil thoughts, words and actions from our lives.

Patience and Acceptance of God's ways is the only way our lives can overcome evil in

Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon our lives, may we be careful and lenient in our thinking and our treatment of others. May we try to eradicate evil in the world and in our lives by beginning with ourselves. May we strive to repent, be faithful and obedient to the Gospel. We know that unless we do deal with the evil and the bad aspects of our lives, then they will get the better of us. May we always leave the judging to God.

A word of thanks from KSC and Catenians



On behalf of Burnley Knights of Saint Columba and Catenians, we would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Right to Life Sponsored Walk on 29th May a huge success. Special thanks also to Rachel and Trish for their amazing catering skills. The walk made a total of £2,176.00, which we hope you will agree is a superb effort.

Please keep the date of Monday May 27th 2024 free in your diaries. Fantastic weather, beautiful scenery, and all in a good cause. Please continue to support us.

Tea Dance at St. John's

The next Tea Dance will take place at St John the Baptist on Wednesday 26th July starting at 1.15pm in the Parish rooms. Fr David would like to thank the group for the recently received very generous donation to parish funds of £400. In spite of the sad loss of one of the friends and founder member, Eileen Hayhurst, the group dances on and any new members would be welcome.



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 INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Margaret McLoughlin, Harry Boyle, Geraldine Brogan, Peter Mason, Billie-Jo Welsby

Other Intentions: Maureen Marshall and Pat Robinson, Barbara Drinkwater, Sister Christine O'Grady, Carmel Crawford

Anniversaries: Fergus Toman, Kieron Toman,

Albert Marshall

Birthday Memoriam: Peter Mason, Ann Gaughan's son

In Memoriam: Mary Greenall



ST TERESA: CONTEMPLATION ON THE EUCHARIST

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth



The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

TUESDAY CLUB AT ST. MARY'S

The Tuesday club meets every Tuesday from 1.00pm 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.

CAFOD NEWS: COWBOY LENDERS AND THANKS

New CAFOD Campaign Action – Stop Cowboy Lenders

The past few years have seen debts owed by some of the poorest countries mount up to unsustainable levels. Due to the economic crisis and high interest rates, 54 countries are now facing a debt crisis. But instead of agreeing to cancel some of the debt, big banks and hedge funds are demanding it all - plus interest. The global economy is turning into the wild west and cowboy lenders are getting away with the world's biggest stick up! To find out more and to help CAFOD stop this by contacting your local MP (using a pre-written email): <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/stop-cowboy-lenders>



Thanks and prayers - Many thanks for your support over the last few months through your donations, campaigning and prayers. Please keep our sisters and brothers in need and the work of CAFOD in your prayers during the summer. The CAFOD group wish everyone a relaxing and joyful summer break.

NEW VOTIVE CANDLE SYSTEM TRIAL AT ST MARY'S

We are continuing the trial a new votive candle system at St Mary's church. The new candles stands are beautiful and attractive. The candles are a little more expensive but they are easy to use, safer, healthier, cleaner, more environmentally friendly and have many other advantages. We hope you enjoy using them.

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!

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 Dean David Featherstone. For more information call President Sr Maureen Bradley on 01282 456152 Mobile 07958 421225

FR BRIAN'S RUBY JUBILEE—SPONSORED WALK

Fr Brian Kealey, former priest of Christ the King, celebrates his 40th Anniversary of priestly ordination today, Sunday 23rd July. To celebrate Fr Brian held a sponsored walk from his current parish to Burnley and back in a day on Thursday 20th July.

A JustGiving page has been set up for those who wish to make a donation, with monies raised donated to CAFOD and assisting the victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine;

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/brian-kealey-1687270003028>

Congratulations Fr Brian on your anniversary and nimble feet!

FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S—JOIN A TEAM

Our enormous thanks go to Joan, our 'Flower Lady' at St Mary's, would now like to build a small team of people who will eventually take over her creative and fulfilling work of decorating the altar. Joan will help you 'learn the ropes' in a friendly and informal way, until the team is ready to 'go' and continue to produce displays that delight!. With a team, the workload will be lighter, and you can sort your time and input to suit. Please call Joan on 01282 429230 to chat. It's an opportunity to be creative, and to bring pleasure to everyone who comes to St Mary's.



DEANERY / DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Deanery Holy Hour for the work of the Diocesan Synod with Bishop John at St Mary's. This will be held this **Tuesday 25th July** and start at 7pm and be preceded by refreshments in the parish rooms from 6.30pm.

Please support Fr David in his capacity as Dean

Bishop John's Ruby Jubilee Bishop John marked his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination with

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

Our next gathering will be on **Thursday 3rd August** in the St. Mary's Parish Rooms from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome for tea, biscuits, cards, table tennis, darts, a quiz and a chat.



HOME PRODUCE STALL—VOLUNTEERS

The stall works really well after the 10.00am Mass on Sundays at St Mary's. We have a happy team of people who regularly provide the goodies, with other people making and donating as and when they can. Everything from cakes, to fruit in season, and plants—for bedding out and for eating! In the last nine months it has raised **over £1250** for parish funds, too! Could you add to the team? Either providing the produce or by running the stall every few weeks (or both!)? If so, call Frank on 07930508209 to chat.



Prayer for Comfort and Peace

Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

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

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 letter-box. Donations for June totalled £40



Enormous thanks to everyone.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 24TH JULY TO SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St. Sharbel Makhlouf</i> 9.30am St Mary's	Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>St. James</i> 9.30am St. Mary's 7.00pm Deanery Holy Hour with Bishop John for the work of the Synod at St. Mary's	12.00noon St. John's
Wednesday	<i>Ss Joachim and Anne</i> 9.30am Christ the King	Only one Mass today
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00am at St John's
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass St Mary's	preceded at 11.30am to 11.55am by Exposition and Reconciliation.
Saturday	<i>St Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's
Sunday	<i>Seventeenth 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	

Exposition

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

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JULY 2023

For a Eucharistic life



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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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