

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH 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, Jesus says that we should be searching for the Kingdom of God ~ this means that we discover that we are loved by God and we know the meaning of life. It also means that we know how we should be living it to get to our eternal home. The parables of the treasure and the pearl of great price in today's Gospel have a similar message; the Kingdom of Heaven is worth investing everything we have, to acquire it. However, we also need the gift of wisdom in order to see this.

This wisdom will hopefully tell us that in order to find and hang on to the pearl of great price, we need to give it our all, we need to let go of other things that we think matter to us. Our



faith tells us that God loves us so much that he has bestowed upon us great dignity by calling us his children. This is the most precious gift he

has given us and should be our most treasured possession. Searching for this, should cost us not less than everything.

We are in effect all seeking holiness ~ a word that can make us feel a bit uncomfortable; but a person who is really holy is a whole person in that their life adds up and makes sense because God completes them. May the Lord give us the wisdom and the energy to keep searching and looking to build the Kingdom of God by seeking that which completes our life.

DIOCESAN SYNOD



Thanks to all who attended the Deanery Holy Hour for the Diocesan Synod last Tuesday ~ It was very well attended by priests, and people from across the Deanery as well as from our parish. Thanks to those who helped with refreshments and helped in other ways to make this event so memorable. It was a very prayerful time and the Bishop gave us food for thought as he explained the purpose of the Diocesan Synod.

Bishop John also urged us to say daily the Synod prayer using the cards available at the back. We are grateful to Lynne Oliver and Sam Walsh who have agreed to be our parish reps on the Synod. We are also fortunate to have Anne Marie Coppock as one of the Deanery reps. We will keep you informed of the Synod's progress.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH TRIP TO ST ANNES

Tuesday 29th August ~ Parish coach trip to St Annes on sea. Details of how to book next

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

On Sunday 17th Sept at 2.30pm there will be party in the garden parish fundraiser at St Mary's Presbytery. Details to follow. If anyone would like to help, please contact Trevor tel 07626 014568.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Margaret McLoughlin, Harry Boyle, Geraldine Brogan, Peter Mason, Billie-Jo Welsby, Peggy Reddington, Ian Larmouth, Thomas McGrath, Celia Cook, Rosemary Bateman. Jeanne Millin (Nee Brunskill) Michael Elliott,

Other Intentions: Mr and Mrs Brown, 70th Wedding Anniversary,

Anniversaries: Stephen Reynolds, Frank Evans, Canon Francis Deeney, Ramon Holt,

Birthday Memoriam: Ernest and Winifred McKnight,

In Memoriam: The Duffield family

BONUS BALL.



As from weekend of 12/13th August, we will be introducing a new parish weekly fundraiser. There will a sheet at the back of each of the three churches with 49 numbers in squares. To take part you will asked to give £2 and write your name in the square of the number you have chosen. The winner will be the one in each church who has chosen the number drawn out on the following Wednesday's Bonus. The winner will get 50% of the takings which could be up to £50. The remainder would go to parish funds. The winner can collect their prize from the appropriate sacristy the following weekend.

We hope you enjoy this new initiative and feel able to support it.

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



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

Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to light that fire in the hearts of others. And it is love that will burn out the



sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other. No sacrifice and no suffering will then seem too much.

*Dorothy Day Servant of God.
Founder of Catholic Workers Movement*

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!

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S—NEXT THURSDAY!

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, coffee, biscuits, cards, table tennis, darts, a quiz and a chat.



A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES



Holy Spirit, I pray that you will open my heart to you. Help me develop the kind of heart that wants to be so immersed in your Word that there is no room left for ungodly influences. Help me to hold on to your priorities, and teach me always to embrace your will so that I will not engage in misplaced worldly priorities.

FR BRIAN'S RUBY JUBILEE—SPONSORED WALK

Fr Brian Keeley, former priest of Christ the King, celebrated his 40th Anniversary of priestly ordination last Sunday 23rd July. To celebrate Fr Brian did 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!

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.

KSC QUIZ

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

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.'"



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 June totalled £40



Enormous thanks to everyone.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 31ST JULY TO SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St. Ignatius Loyola</i> 9.30am St Mary's	Only one Mass today	Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)
Tuesday	<i>St. Alphonsus Ligouri</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	12.00noon St. John's	
Wednesday	<i>St Peter Eymaud</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00am at St John's	
Friday	<i>St John Vianney (Patron of our Deanery)</i> 12 Noon Mass St Mary's	preceded at 11.30am to 11.55am by Exposition and Reconciliation.	
Saturday	<i>Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major</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>Eighteenth 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		

Stay with us Lord, on our Journey

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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