

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH AUGUST 2025 YEAR C

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### Churches of

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

The readings for today are not easy to hear. Jesus speaks clearly and his words are bold and direct. He says that He did not come to bring peace, but fire. He warns that even families will be divided because of Him. This may be hard to accept, but it is true. Such powerful words from the Lord, remind us that following Jesus requires courage and endurance.

This should get each of us to consider the cost of discipleship, which is not insignificant. Faithfully following Jesus is not easy and may mean facing opposition, even from those closest to us. Jesus speaks of bringing division, not peace, which reminds us that faith can lead to disagreements and even



conflict within families and communities.

In response the Church calls us encourage us to stay faithful to following the Gospel of Christ, even when it is difficult. For Jesus his mission, like that of the prophets such as Jeremiah,

(featuring in today's first reading) led him directly into conflict with the authorities of the day. This was to lead him to the Cross, but he always looked beyond his suffering and death to his glorious resurrection.

As part of our parish community may we always strive to give support and encouragement to each other on our pilgrimage of life to the Promised Land of Heaven.

### PARISH GARDEN PARTY—SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST



The parish garden party will take at St Mary's presbytery Garden on Sunday 31st August, starting at 2pm. Tickets for the Garden Party afternoon tea cost £5 (and free for accompanied under 16's) are on sale at the back of church, or can be paid for on the day. In addition to afternoon tea we will be also offering stalls that will appeal to 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 please: put them in the box at the back of each of the churches of the parish. **We hope you will support this important parish fundraiser and social event.**

### DEACON THEO'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

This is due to take place at St Luke's church in Salford on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, but because two deacons are being ordained, there are likely to be some restrictions regarding numbers of people being able to attend. . We have booked a 53 seater coach which will leave Burnley at 10am on the day of the Ordination. If you would like to book a seat on this coach, please submit your name and contact number in writing or by email to Fr David ([djfeatherstone@outlook.com](mailto:djfeatherstone@outlook.com)) by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. In the event of it being over subscribed we would draw names, then confirm shortly after this date, those who have secured a seat on the coach. In addition those who want to make their own way to the ordination are at liberty to do so.



**Deacon Theo's first Mass in Burnley** as a priest which is taking place at **St John's Church, Ivy St, at 7pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.** We are hoping as many people as possible will come.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Josephine Hayes, June Shaw, Mary Moss (nee Purtill), May Thompson, Pat Finn, Joan Vincent, Margaret Connolly, Sheila Clegg, Rogelio Calzada, Yolanda Cubillan, Alan Cox,

**Birthday Memoriam:** Tom Dacey, Mary Maidens, Anne Canning, Maureen Whitehead,

**Anniversaries:** Denis Smith, Fr Michael Ryan, Alan Oldham, Peter Keough, Bea Mellody, Noella Reegan, Tommy Mellody, William McLaughlin,  
**In Memoriam:** Cornelius Maidens, 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of liberation from Japanese POW Camps.



## SVP RECRUITMENT



The SVP is hoping to hold a recruitment drive sometime in September. This will be run by Royston Calico who is our Membership Support Officer. He is a young man who is very enthusiastic about the SVP. He will attend masses at the three churches over the weekend giving lectern addresses with a view to recruiting new members. So, watch this space for more information over the next few weeks.

## PARISH COACH TRIP –ST. ANNES ON SEA

A coach has been booked for our parish trip to St Annes on sea. This will also incorporate the summer treat for the parish Altar Servers. This will take place on Tuesday 26th August and the cost will be £12.50 per person. We will be leaving after 9.15am Mass from each of the three churches. To reserve a seat please contact Lynne on 07850 048538, who will give details of how to pay and pick up times.



## CANAL MINISTRIES

The Canal Ministries sailed members of our Parish across the town last Friday! Thanks to them for our smooth journey and super hospitality - thanks also to our intrepid sailors - there are photos on the parish website!!

## PARISH SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING MEETING

Thanks to all those who came to the Social and fundraising meeting last Tuesday. We got through a very busy agenda! Thanks too to those who were able to volunteer to support the Garden Party on 31st August. Meetings are open to all, with ideas and commitment welcome.

## CARITAS SPONSORED HIKE / CARITAS NEWSLETTER

A sponsored hike has been organised to raise funds for Caritas Salford. It will take place on **13th Sept 2025**, following the Tolkien Trail, exploring the rivers and woodlands of the Ribble Valley. **Starting from Hurst Green at 9.45am** the distance is just under 7 miles and should take around 3 hours at a leisurely pace. There is an information booklet on the notice boards in all 3 churches. For more details and to register your free place on the hike please visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/everystep](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/everystep) or contact Caritas on 0161 817 2250 and press 1 for fundraising.

**Also, the Caritas Newsletters** 'Love in Action' outlining just some of the work Caritas carries out, and the difference your support has made possible, are available at the back of each church. Please do take a copy.

## MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON

The March will be on Saturday September 6th. There will be Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am, followed by talks / workshops / testimonies at the nearby Emmanuel Centre and then a peaceful march around Parliament from 1.30 - 4pm.

See the official website for more information: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/spread-the-word/>

## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST FOR MUTUAL CO-EXISTENCE

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



## 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 13th August was number **54**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ rollover      St Mary's ~ Pat      Christ the King ~ Rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

## GIFT AID – A CALL TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Would you like to increase your offerings to the Parish by 25% at no cost to yourself? If you don't already gift aid your offerings and you pay UK tax, please consider gift aiding. All we need is your name and address. Simply complete the form below and pop it in the 'GIFT AID' box at the back of each church. The gift aid co-ordinator will arrange for you to have a supply of offertory envelopes or arrange a standing order, if you prefer. Our parish will claim gift aid and the Government will add 25% to what you give. It's that simple! **If you have any queries please contact Margaret on 07751 025178 or Peter on 07546 261012.**

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## 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.**



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 9/10 Aug was for £1437.05, for which many thanks.

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 18TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am at St Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St John Eudes</i> <b>9.30am St. John's</b>	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Bernard</i> 9.30am Christ the King	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Pius X</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 12 Noon St Mary's, preceded by Exposition /Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Rose of Lima</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am <b>Vigil Masses</b> 6.00pm St John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm 6.30m St Mary's	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 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)	

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

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

### THE SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next gathering for cards, a quiz, darts, table tennis, a cuppa and a chat will at 1.30 to 3.30pm on Thursday 21st . All welcome.

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WEEKLY QUIZ



**Our next quiz night will be led by Fr David**, on Monday 18th August at 8pm in St Mary's Parish rooms. Everyone welcome—come and join a team.

### 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. Please support this parish fundraiser if you can 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.



### Clergy Team

Parish Priest:	Fr David Featherstone	St Mary of the Assumption	01282 422007
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