

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH AUGUST 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 totally focused on getting to Jerusalem where he will fulfil his mission through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. He is totally focused on this as he teaches and preaches on the way. He is trying to help us to see the bigger picture of God's plan of salvation. Jesus is asked a question out of concern that his message was perhaps too narrow and unattainable. Jesus focuses on that and offers his image of the narrow gate. He highlights the fact that the way of Christ requires total commitment. Having a casual halfhearted approach to our faith falls short of what Jesus asks of his followers. He goes on to say that people who now are last will be first, and some who are first will be last.



Here he is surely referring that the way of Christ is much bigger than previously held notions of an exclusive "Chosen People."

Through the faith of Abraham, God entered into a covenant with the people of Israel, making them a people who are his own. Jesus expands the notion of Chosen People by saying that those who unite themselves through a deep faith with him, enter this same covenant which is still in effect. The Church acknowledges this fact liturgically in the Good Friday solemn intercessions. May the Lord grant us a yearning to love what he commands us and desire what he promises, that amid all the uncertainties of this world our hearts may be fixed on Heaven where true happiness is found with Him.

### 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

Rosemary Westlake, Stephen Lathom,

**Anniversaries:** Terence Hardy, Francis Shackleton,

**Birthday Memoriam;** Ian Stewart

**Lately Dead:** Sheila Clegg, Fr Robert Farrell, Gary Lucchetti, James Trevithick, Joan Vincent, John Cunnie, Margaret Connelly, Willie Irvine,



### CAKE MAKERS FOR THE GARDEN PARTY

Please bring your cakes to St Mary's Presbytery between 12.00 noon and 1.00pm on Sunday next. You can also leave them in the Parish Rooms before or after the 10.00 Mass at St Mary's.

### CANCELLATION OF COFFEE MORNINGS

Both **St Mary's and St John's have cancelled** their Sunday Coffee Mornings on Sunday 31st August in readiness for the Garden Party.

### ST JOHN'S 'FIRST OF THE MONTH' - PIZZA SUNDAY!

The next "First of the Month", with games on the lawn, **after the 10-45am mass at St Johns on Sunday September 7th**, will also be "Pizza Sunday".....a feast of home made and perhaps a special treat for all our youngsters as they begin their new school year and anyone else who might be celebrating that fact too!!



### PARISH COACH TRIP —ST. ANNES ON SEA—LAST CHANCE FOR A FUN DAY OUT!

This has been a hugely popular trip for several years with many parishioners having a great time! There are still a few seats left on the coach, so come and join the fun!! 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 then go to each of the churches. To reserve a seat please contact Lynne on 07850 048538, who will give details of how to pay and pick up times.



### 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 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.

*Loving Father, teach me step outside my comfort zone to carry the cross of helping people in need.*

### 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. 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.

### 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 **47**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Margaret Mary St Mary's ~ Theresa 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 16/17 Aug was £1453.53, for which many thanks.

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 22ND AUGUST TO SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2025

Please note the changes this week

- Monday** *St Louis IX*  
9.30am St Mary's
- Tuesday** *Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God*  
**9.15am St. Mary's** **NB Only one Mass today**
- Wednesday** *St Monica*  
9.30am Christ the King  
**12.30 Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Margaret Connelly RIP**
- Thursday** *St Augustine of Hippo*  
**9.30am St John's** **NB Only one Mass today**
- Friday** *Passion of St John the Baptist*  
**11.00am Funeral Service at St John's for John Cunnie**  
**12.00 Noon at St Mary's Funeral Mass for Joan Vincent RIP**  
**NB: There will be no Exposition and Reconciliation today.**
- Saturday** *Ss Margart Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward*  
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** ***Twenty-Second 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  
(\*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

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

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA WEEKLY QUIZ



Our next quiz will be on Monday 25th August at 8pm in St Mary's Parish rooms. Everyone welcome—come and join a team.

### PEACEFUL MARCH FOR LIFE LONDON 6TH SEPTEMBER

The day starts with Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am, some talks, and then a march around Parliament from 1.30—4pm. For more information see <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/spread-the-word/>  
Prayers for the success of the march are also very much needed and appreciated.

### 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

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