

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B



Churches of

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees and scribes because some of the disciples were not following the Jewish washing rituals before eating. Jesus responds by saying that they are more concerned with outer cleanliness rather than cleanliness of the heart, which is of greater importance to God. He then goes on to quote Isaiah saying; "this people honour me only with lip service, while their hearts are far from me". He is telling them that being obsessed with external rituals risks their hearts being far from God.



Jesus is always concerned with the interior life not the superficial or

things that are external. God always sees into our hearts. He is highlighting the fact that the human heart is very capable of great, heroic and noble deeds of love but there also lurks within each of us a dark selfish side of which we are also capable of having.

At the core of the ministry of the Lord is of course his desire to bring us his mercy and love which will result in redemption for those who repent of their sins and acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour. When we have done this, then we are open and able to encounter God who dwells within our hearts. Then we can allow him to transform the outward side of our lives from within our souls.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Warm Congratulations to Sr Maureen Moss, Sister of Mercy, who is well known in our parish and will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 7th September with Mass at St Mary's. Everyone is invited, and most welcome to join this Mass to mark Sr Maureen's sixty years of devoted service to the Congregation through her many different ministries.



THEO SHARROCK

As previously announced, Theo will begin his long placement with us on 2nd September and will reside at St Mary's presbytery. We know you will make him very welcome.

MARK MCGEEHAN, OUR SEMINARIAN



Thanks to Mark McGeehan, our seminarian for all his help and support in the parish, during the summer, which has been much appreciated. Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks on his Extended Pastoral Placement at Our Lady of Grace parish in Prestwich, Manchester which he commences on Wednesday.



GAMES ON THE LAWN AT ST. JOHN'S - THIS SUNDAY!

It's happening on the "first Sunday" in September 1st at St Johns after the 10.45am mass. Our youngsters (and young at heart) are all welcome to come and join in the fun! We'll have refreshments and cakes in the parish hall too!

CARITAS SALFORD SPONSORED WALK FROM WHALLEY

Caritas Salford is organising a sponsored walk around beautiful Whalley, Lancashire, on Saturday 14 September. The walk will cover a moderately challenging route of 14km, with a shorter option available for those who prefer. Every step you take will also help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. To sign up to join the walk, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk



CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

To mark the important milestone of their 40th anniversary, the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) is holding a free conference in Oldham on Saturday 21st September. It starts at 10.30am and a free lunch will be provided, and it finishes with Mass at 3.15pm.

The 'Agenda for Change' conference will build on the experiences and learning of the past 40 years and put forward a strategy for bringing about greater equality and creating a racially-just Church and society. Find out more at www.carj.org.uk

ST TERESA: CONTEMPLATION ON LIFE

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realise it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.



Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

Life is life, fight for it.

ACCESSIBILITY TALK—DARWEN

Are you active in your parish; SVP; Eucharistic Minister; Reader? Do you go into the community, with the Church? What does accessibility mean to you?

Think about how, a blind person, a deaf person, someone with mobility issues, or a learning disability. How can they access the Church, - or neurodiversity? How would someone with Autism manage?

There will be a talk on Accessibility, at St Edward's Hall, Darwen, BB3 0AA, 17th September, from 7pm till 9pm, with refreshments.

ACCESSIBILITY IN OUR PARISH

Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, supports people in our diocese to develop their understanding of accessibility, disability and inclusion of people with access needs. Being accessible is important to maximise positive experiences and so everyone has opportunities to participate in ways that suit them. Caritas is looking for people from our parishes to help advocate for positive accessibility with a view to encouraging positive solutions. Often, a small change can make a world of difference to a person – can you help make the change possible? If you are interested, please email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS



Our next quiz in St Mary's parish Rooms will be on Monday 2nd September. Entrance fee of £2 which includes free tee/coffee and biscuits. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Frank Kean, Rebecca Delaney, Tressa Byrom, Sr Catherine Ronan, Tressa Byrom, Alan Stackhouse, John Cafferty, Fr Derek Woodhead, Fr Colin Wright, Fr Michael Gallagher O.Praem, Mick Campion.

Anniversaries: Tom Edmondson, Samuel Irvine,

Other Intentions: Sr Francis Rushton, Sr Imelda O'Loughlin, Sr Josephine Ryan, Sr Maureen Moss, Legion of Mary, Thanks to Our Lord and Our Lady for safe keeping, Donor's ints, **Birthday Memoriam:** Eddie Campion.



PARISH AND SERVERS COACH TRIP TO ST ANNES-ON-SEA

Despite the poor weather last Tuesday, everyone who came had a great day. Thanks to the adults who accompanied the parish Altar servers. The happy disposition of the young people was a major factor in the day being such a success.



"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions"

CAFOD NEWS A FUN AND FUNDRAISER EVENT!



CAFOD Fundraiser Quiz Night – Our parish CAFOD group will be holding a quiz night on Friday 13th September at 7.30pm to raise funds for CAFOD's emergency work. It will take place in St John's parish hall and all parishioners are invited to attend this friendly, popular and enjoyable fundraiser. Mike Smith, a very experienced and knowledgeable quizmaster, will be our host for the evening. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There'll be quiz prizes and a raffle on the night. Tickets will be on sale after parish Masses over the two weekends prior to the quiz or alternatively call Dominic on 07999 512102 or Paul on 07973 343054 to reserve your tickets priced at £5 each. There will be free nibbles on all tables, but please bring your own drinks; glassware will be available for use.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION SEPTEMBER 2024— FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.



PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 28th August was number **30**. Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Klaus

St Mary's ~ Dan

Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



There are two sources of help for people and families who need support.

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!



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 £14,000** 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>.

Thank you all!

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Please note the changes this week

Monday 2nd *Weekday*

9.45am St. Mary's

Tuesday 3rd *St Gregory the Great*

9.30am St Mary's

12.00 noon St John's

Wed 4th *St Cuthbert*

9.30am Christ the King

7.00pm St John's

Thurs 5th *Weekday*

9.15am Mass in Christ the King School 10.00am Mass at St John's

Friday 6th *Weekday*

12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am.

Saturday 7th *Weekday*

9.30am St. Mary's followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.

12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's to celebrate Diamond Jubilee of Sr Maureen Moss,

Vigil Masses:

6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition

6.30pm St Mary's

Sunday 8th *Twenty-Third 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 will be available later from Sunday afternoon)

Exposition

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

HOLY HOUR AT ST MARY'S ON SUNDAY 15TH SEPT

The Bishops have asked each parish to put on a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to coincide with the Eucharistic Congress in Birmingham. This will take place at **St Mary's church on Sunday 15th Sept from 2.30 to 3.30pm. All are welcome.**

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 24/25 August was £1241.75, for which many thanks.

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.



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