

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD SEPTEMBER 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 tells his that he is destined to suffer persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders but will rise again on the third day. This follows Peter's profession of faith that we heard last week about who Jesus is for him. Peter reacts to this saying that this must not happen. Much as Jesus might delight to hear the temptation that an easier life is possible for him, he is wise to see through them because he is determined to be obedient and faithful to the Father's will. He knows that what lies ahead is necessary for God's plan of salvation for all humankind to be accomplished. Peter's objection is a stumbling block in his way. As in Gethsemane when he prayed that the cup of suffering may pass him by, he ultimately asked for His Father's will to be done.



He goes on to say that if anyone wants to be a follower of his they should renounce themselves must take up their cross and follow him. He goes on to talk about losing our life if we want to save it. This means being conscientious in the living out of our faith. It means not selling God short. It means putting our heart and souls into the tasks that we have been given to do. Through a life of prayer and faithfulness we can work out what God's plan is for us. Whatever our role is, we are to not give into the temptation to cut and run and take the easy way out. This will lead sometimes to confrontation or conflict, but we need to be prepared for that. Jesus teaches us that the right way is always ultimately the best way and is most likely to be God's way too. Anything less than that is to cheat ourselves and cheat God.

KSC SACRED RELICS AT ST MARY'S

The KSC have organised a tour of the sacred relics of St Columba, St Andrew (Apostle) and St Margaret of Scotland through the UK. They will be brought into St Mary's Church **this Thursday 7th September at a Mass at 10.00am.**

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



DAILY THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Fr David's daily "thought for the day" has been running for well over three years now and we have now decided it is time to replace this with a "thought for the week" which will appear on the parish web site midweek. Thanks to Diane and Michael who have faithfully uploaded this daily feature through all this time. Special thanks to those who faithfully read these reflections and provided such positive feedback.

MASS INTENTIONS

Birthday Memoriam: Connie Howarth, Louise Slattery.

Other: Sr Anne Bross, Norah and Walter Lister

Lately Dead: Jacky Phillips, Sean O'Brien, Mark Rinaldi, Michael Harkin, Canon Denis Clinch,

Anniversaries: Pat Bell, Winifred Edmondson, Tom Edmondson, Irene Fells



PARISH BONUS BALLGAME—WINNERS!

Thanks to all who supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches. which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 30th August was number 41.

Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: Philomena St Mary's: Peter Christ the King: No winner (£35 rollover)



Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy. We hope you continue to enjoy this new initiative and feel able to support it. There will be a sheet at the back of each of the three churches with 59 numbers in squares. To take part you will be 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 Big Picture ~ A DVD Course

This is our new DVD course which is an Inspirational Bible Course. The Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and St Jerome said "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. Pope Francis said "The whole of Salvation History is the story of God looking for us. He offers us love and welcomes us with tenderness". In this course you will have the opportunity to become more familiar with the Bible and with God's Word.

The course consists of 12 sessions, which will take place on the **2nd Friday of each month** beginning on Friday 8th September 2023 and ending on 9th August 2024. The first 4 sessions are as follows:

8th Sept ~ The Plan; 13th Oct ~ God

10th Nov ~ Creation; 8th Dec ~ The Fall

Each participant on the course will need a copy of a Bible and a copy of the "The Big Picture" Book. The cost of the Book is £10 and it will be available for you to purchase at the first session of the Course on Friday 8th Sept. Each session will last 90 minutes and will consist of: tea/coffee (please bring a packed lunch), small sharing groups, DVD talk and a short Reflection. If interested please come along to the Parish Rooms at St Mary's on Friday 8th Sept at 12.30pm (After 12 Noon Mass) and hear God's Word in a new way.

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 July totalled £60.



Enormous thanks to everyone.

PARISH EVENTS—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH GARDEN PARTY AT ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY

This parish fundraiser will take place on Sunday 17th Sept between 2.30pm and 4.30pm in St Mary's presbytery garden.

Afternoon tea will be served in the back garden, while family games and activities will be on offer in the front garden. In case of inclement weather the (more limited) event will be held in the parish Rooms. We need help, please, with: setting up, making cakes and scones, preparing sandwiches and serving tea/coffee/juice, running the games and activities, washing up and tidying up afterwards. Tickets priced £5, which includes afternoon tea, are now available. Accompanied children will be admitted free. If anyone has a gazebo that you could lend us, that would be appreciated! For tickets, offers of help or other information please contact Trevor tel 07526 014568.



NEW POSTINGS THIS WEEK

GARDEN PARTY—PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for those who want to help at this event in St. Mary's Presbytery at 3.30pm on Tuesday 12th September.

TUESDAY CLUB AT ST MARY'S

The Tuesday club meets every Tuesday from 1pm 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.

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

Our next gathering will be on Thursday 14th September in the St. Mary's Parish Rooms from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome.



Let's develop our growth as a community by extending our social and community get—togethers to enrich our fellowship. Have fun together!

MISSION APPEAL—NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD

This weekend 2/3 Sept Marian Kearney and Sheila Cogley will be speaking at all Masses in the parish about N4BW, a lay missionary organisation which works in partnership with the Montfort Fathers and local people of Sitima in South Malawi. N4BW aims to alleviate extreme poverty through our projects in: health, education, disability and the environment. We also respond to emergencies, most recently following Cyclone Freddy in March. We welcome your kind donations but are also looking for short term volunteers willing to work with us in Malawi. For more information please See [www. n4bw.org.uk](http://www.n4bw.org.uk)

SVP HOUSEBOUND MASS

This will be held St John's Parish Hall on Saturday September 30th 2023 at 12 noon. As before, it is an open invitation across the parish for anyone who is housebound or who has difficulty attending mass to come and join us. Transport can be made available for those who require it. We use black cabs for people in wheelchairs and our own personal transport. Lunch is provided afterwards before you return home. Contact Maria on 07929256406 if transport is required.

St. John's Autumn Mission Today Booklets

These are now being distributed. Please bring your boxes/donations to church/contact your promoter or ring Lynn 01282 433832 to get them collected or if you would like a red box. Grateful thanks for your donations and prayers which do make a huge difference. Anonymous boxes can be collected from the sacristy.

CAFOD NEWS



Thanks and prayers - Since 3 April 2023 our Parish has sent £1,787 to CAFOD. Thank you for your continued generosity. Please keep our sisters and brothers in need and the work of CAFOD in your prayers during the summer.

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.**



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St. Cuthbert</i> 9.30am St Mary's	Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's, 12 Noon at St John's,	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. John's 10.00am St Mary's with the relics of St. Columba	
Friday	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 12 Noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 11.55am	
Saturday	<i>St. Peter Claver</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>Twenty-Third 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 SEPTEMBER 2023

For people living on the margins

Let us pray for those on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never cast out.



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!

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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