

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

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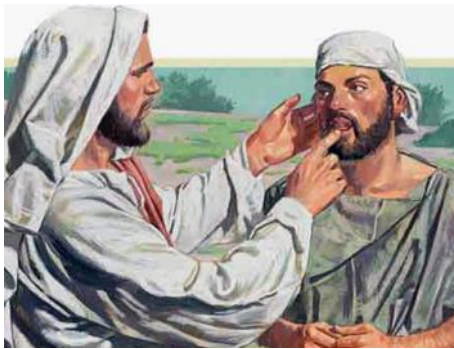
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- ◆ Christ the King
- ◆ St Mary of the Assumption
- ◆ St John the Baptist Burnley

In today's Gospel some people bring a deaf friend of theirs to Jesus for him to help him. The man needed help because he would not be able to understand what was going on and he would may-



be feel isolated or excluded. Jesus really wanted to help the man because he knew being deaf and not speaking properly would not be easy in order to get by in life. Communication is such an important part of life.

Jesus took the man away to a quiet place away from the crowd so that he could put the man at ease and not be the centre of attention. What Jesus was about to do was between him and the man. Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears, and using saliva because the man would more easily un-

derstand gestures rather than just words.

It is masterly that Jesus prays using a sigh or groan and just one word as he often does before a healing or miracle, which is a sign of deep prayer. Be-

ing able to hear clearly again would be amazing; to come out of a world of silence into a world of noise must have been scary and a bit of a shock to the man. His world was transformed in that moment and the quality of his life utterly improved forever.

May we use our ears properly to listen to what God is trying to say to us in prayer, in the Gospel and in our personal encounters with Christ in the Sacraments. May we also use our gift of speech to help others understand that they are loved by God.

WELCOME ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THEO SHARROCK



Theo began his long placement with us on 2nd September. He will reside at St Mary's presbytery.

We know you will continue to make him very welcome.

MARK MCGEEHAN

Mark McGeehan, our seminarian has now started his Extended Pastoral Placement at Our Lady of Grace parish in Prestwich, Manchester. Mark will be joining us for Mass at St Mary's at 12 noon on Monday 9th September to mark his *special* birthday.



All are welcome.

PARISH YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUP

Our next gathering for young people in school Year 9 or above is at St Mary's parish rooms on Thursday 12th Sept from 6.30pm to 8pm.



CARITAS SALFORD SPONSORED WALK FROM WHALLEY—NEXT SATURDAY

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



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL—ST JOHN'S

St John the Baptist, one of our parish schools, has signed up for ADSA's 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign. It would be great if the parish could support us. It is an easy-to-use scheme and costs nothing. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.



DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

As mentioned in last Sunday's Pastoral letter from Bishop John, we are now entering the Exploration Stage of our Diocesan Synod. Between now and December, we are being asked as a parish to plan and facilitate four "Theme Gatherings", each one exploring a different theme from our Big Listen Report. The themes that emerged are:



Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World

Building Connections

Enabling Access

Fostering Christ-like Care

Our first parish meeting on the first of the above themes will be held on Thursday 6th October at 6.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. A summary leaflet will be shared in advance of each session, and will be available in our churches in good time before each meeting. Please read the leaflets carefully and prayerfully to enable you to participate fully in the Theme Gathering meetings. Details of the dates and venues for the other three meetings will be available in next week's Newsletter/Website. All are welcome.



POPE FRANCIS

Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.

To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!

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. 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?

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS



Our next quiz in St Mary's parish Rooms will be on Monday 9th 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, Alan Stackhouse, John Cafferty, Fr Derek Woodhead, Fr Colin Wright, Fr Michael Gallacher O.Praem, Nenita Jayona. Peter Heffernan, Philip Wolstenholme,

Anniversaries: James Kinsella, Eriberto Santillan, Rita Kelly, Irene Fell, Ian Flynn, Joseph

Crawford (1st Anniversary), Paula Giltrow Helm, Norah and Russell Ingham,

Other Intentions: Suella Evans, Donor's intentions, Sr Maureen Moss

Diamond Jubilee: Sr Jennifer D'Cunha, Sr Maureen Moss, Sr Noel Baron,

Birthday Memoriam: Sr Anne Bross

Towneley Chapel Lamp: The Legion of Mary.

CAFOD NEWS A FUN AND FUNDRAISER EVENT! - NEXT FRIDAY!



In the last few months the Parish has sent £944 to CAFOD including £500 for the Sudan crisis appeal in May. Thank you for your generosity.

The CAFOD Fundraiser Quiz takes place **next Friday** 13th September at St. John's parish hall. commencing at 7.30 pm. All are invited with tickets costing £5 to include nibbles on all tables, but please bring your own drinks. There will be quiz prizes and a raffle on the night. To reserve tickets please contact Paul on 07973 343054 or just pay on the door.

Please support this fundraiser the proceeds of which will support CAFOD's emergency appeal fund.

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next gathering for tea/coffee, darts, table tennis, cards, a quiz and a chat is coming up **this** Thursday 12th September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome.



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

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 —WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 4th September was number **17**. Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Derek

St Mary's ~ Trevor

Christ the King ~ Mick

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 9TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Please note the changes this week

- Monday** *St Peter Claver*
9.30am St. Mary's
12 noon Mass at St Mary's Mark McGeehan's special birthday.
- Tuesday** *St Ambrose Barlow*
9.15am Mass at St Mary's School
12.00 noon St John's
- Wednesday** *Weekday*
9.30am Christ the King **NB: Only one Mass today**
- Thursday** *Most Holy Name of Mary*
9.15 am Mass at St John's School
9.30am St Mary's
- Friday** *St John Chrysostom*
12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am.
- Saturday** *Holy Cross*
9.30am St. Mary's followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.
- Vigil Masses:**
6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition
6.30pm St Mary's
- Sunday** *Twenty-fourth 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)
2.30pm—3.30pm: Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's
This coincides with the National Eucharistic Congress in Birmingham.

Exposition

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

The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak Pope Francis

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 31 Aug/1st Sept was £1749.36, 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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