

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of: Christ the King St Mary of the Assumption St John the Baptist BURNLEY



NEWSLETTER

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Today is the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Only God could use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world. In today's Gospel, St. John links Jesus' crucifixion with God's glory and love. We hear the Lord say; "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). It was on the Cross that God's love was revealed most fully because Christians believe that the "lifting up" of Jesus on the Cross is not just an act of glory, it is the means of our salvation. By embracing suffering and death, Jesus on the Cross triumphs over them, revealing a love for humanity so great that it is willing to use the worst for the best.. The Cross is no longer an object of fear but a source of strength, symbolizing that even our deepest sorrows and injustices can be redeemed and made to



bear fruit through Christ. Today's feast is also a call for personal reflection, challenging us to consider the "crosses we bear each day". Often when faced with crosses, we seek to avoid them, and feel sorry for ourselves which can lead to anger and despair. Instead, let us allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, our good, and the good of others. We are reminded that we are "people of the cross". The crucifix in our churches and homes, on our rosary and round our necks is a constant, is a powerful reminder of Christ's victory over sin and death. We are invited to be drawn to the love and life that flow from the Cross. As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses we bear each day. Although the suffering may remain, it must become "redeemed suffering" thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON THEO AND DEACON PAUL CHISNALL

Please continue to pray for both Deacon Theo and Deacon Paul Chisnall who are to be ordained to the priesthood together at St Luke's church in Salford at 12 noon on Saturday 27th September. All those who submitted their names for the coach are duly confirmed. There are still a few seats on the coach available, so please contact Fr David if you are interested in booking a seat. In addition those who want to make their own way to the ordination are at liberty to do so.



DEACON THEO'S FIRST MASS AS PRIEST, IN BURNLEY

We are hoping as many people as possible will come to this Mass which will be Deacon Theo's first Mass in the parish as a priest which is taking place at **St John's Church, Ivy St, at 7pm on Monday 29th September.**

PREPARATION OF REFRESHMENTS FOR AFTER DEACON THEO'S MASS

We are meeting at 5.00pm Monday 29th September, in St John's Parish Hall, just before the Mass for this task. If you would like to help prepare this we welcome your input.

Cakes for the Refreshments: If you would like to bake that would also be marvellous. For any offers of help or cake please contact Margaret P 0775 102 5178

MUSICIANS' PRACTICE FOR DEACON THEO'S MASS

This is call to all who enjoy singing or playing an instrument to celebrate too. If you are free on Thursday 18th September at 4pm we are having a practice at St Johns If you can't make this, please join us on the evening. If you would like any more information please contact Karen 07990 159750.

MASS INTENTIONS

Russell Ingham, Nora Ingham,

Birthday mems; Maragret Williams

In Memoriam; Kathleen Worden, James Worden, John Worden, Margaret Carroll, Esther Worden, Catherine Carter, Francis Carter, Winifred Masure, Kenneth Catterall, Josephine Carter, Jimmy Cater,

Lately Dead: John Gleeson, Sheila Holt, Joan Vincent, Gladys Winnifred Gilbert (Peggy), Yolanda Cullivan, Salvatrice (Sally) Licata,

Anniversaries: James Kinsella, Margaret Hill,

READERS AT ST JOHN'S VIGIL MASS

We would warmly welcome more folk in our little band of Readers. Practice given and nervousness soon overcome (honestly) and you'd feel you were contributing to an important ministry at Mass. If you'd like to try out some practice before deciding, have a word with any of the Readers at the Vigil Mass or ring David on 01282 831821 / 07950098432.

BRASS BAND AUTUMN CONCERT AT ST MARY'S

By popular demand the wonderful **BMP Goodshaw Brass Band** returns for another afternoon of entertainment. They have a new repertoire with a delightful mixture of music— from traditional marches, to music from the shows - something for everyone. And all with **Free Admission**, but with a raffle and a voluntary collection. There will be refreshments available at the interval. It's on Sunday 19th October starting 1.30pm until 3.30pm. Two hours of enjoyment as winter approaches. At many previous concerts newcomers to Brass Band music were delighted, and are now amongst our 'regulars'. Try it yourself!



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

The "Pizza Sunday" 1st of the month was a very tasty lip licking success with no left overs!! Thanks to all who helped and supported. All raffle prizes were claimed and there is a bonus of £68 raised for Parish funds.



GIFT AID APPEAL

The Gift Aid appeal has resulted in a number of parishioners Gift Aiding their offerings. Our Parish will benefit from the additional 25% which will be claimed back from the Government on those offerings. Thank you

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. **We recently received an amount of just over £1200** from Steve who kindly is facilitating this parish fundraiser. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly 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.



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



WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 6/7 sept was £1437.49 for which many thanks.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect



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 for last Wednesday was number **11**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Derek St Mary's ~ Jenny Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i> 9.30am St John's	NB: Only one Mass today
Wednesday	<i>St Robert Bellarmine</i> 9.00am Christ the King	NB: Only one Mass today
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St John's	NB: Only one Mass today
Friday	<i>St Theodore of Tarsus</i> 12 Noon Funeral Mass at St Mary's for John Gleeson RIP	NB: No Exposition or Reconciliation today
Saturday	<i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon and companions</i> 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	<i>Twenty-Fifth 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 (except before Funerals)

(*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

KNIGHTS IN ACTION: Our Burnley Knights have made two donations to local charities from their work during the last year! **Cheques for £1,000** were given to the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, and to Holly Grove School. The Knights work throughout the year to achieve these donations. **Would you like to join in this positive work**, where friendship and fun are a major part of the way the Knights work? Call Tom on 07891 124 951, or email grand-knight-council110@ksc.org.uk to find out more.



Over the next few weeks the Knights offer socialising and entertainment to raise funds with:



CHARITY CONCERT: The Knights will hold a Charity Concert on Friday 3rd October at the newly refurbished **Burnley Cricket Club** starting at 8.00pm. By popular demand TJ Kelly, top vocalist and guitarist will entertain. Tickets remain at £6.00 including light refreshments. More details and tickets soon.

KSC WEEKLY QUIZ: The Quiz resumes on Monday 15th Sept at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms. The Quiz happens every Monday (but not on 29th Sept) so come and join the fun, and it may become a regular Monday evening with friends for you.!



KSC INTER PARISH QUIZ Organised by Nelson Knights the Quiz will be held at the **KSC Club 10 Forest St, Nelson** on Friday 10th October at 8pm with free pie and peas supper. For catering purposes please let us know if you intend to take part: tel Michael 01282 691922.

Clergy Team

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