

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B

Churches of

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



In today's Gospel, Jesus rebukes the disciples when they reprimand a man casting out devils in his name "who is not one of us". He tells them "Anyone who is not



against us is for us!" He is warning us to avoid exclusiveness in our thinking and in our practices. We are to look for common ground in other people; there are many people who don't claim to be Christian or Catholic or even people of faith who do things that emulate the teachings of Christ and the Gospels. Let us think of those who work to alleviate poverty, provide food-banks, those who speak up for the sacredness of human life or those who work with the homeless and refugees. They might not share our same motivation, but they are doing good work, which is

God's work and thus they are not against us. We can be very quick to divide people into categories; "Us and them". However, the Lord is calling us to thinking

outside of the box. We are to look for what we have in common with each other rather than what is evidently different. As humans we are all created in the image and likeness of God, so when we encounter another person, regardless of their background, it is very sobering to remember that God has been there before us. Therefore we should always be able to find something that we can agree on. I feel Jesus is asking us to discover within ourselves a bit of humility to see that goodness of God which can be found in surprising places and even in surprising people.

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS - PARISH MEETING THIS THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

As mentioned in Bishop John's recent Pastoral letter, 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 are:



1. **Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World ~ 6pm at 3rd Oct in St Mary's Parish Rooms**
2. Building Connections ~ 6pm 7th Nov at Christ the King School
3. Enabling Access 6pm~ 6pm 21st November at St John's parish room
4. Fostering Christ-like Care ~ 6pm 5th Dec at St Mary's parish rooms

There will be a leaflet available prior to each session to help us prepare for the discussions. **The leaflet for the first theme, "Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's world" is now available** in each of the three churches. Similar leaflets for each theme will be shared in advance of each session. Please read the leaflets carefully and prayerfully to enable you to participate fully in the theme gathering meetings.

Our parish session to consider the first theme will take place in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Thursday 3rd October at 6pm. All are welcome .

CAFOD NEWS— HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 4 OCTOBER

Friday is CAFOD's Family Fast Day. CAFOD was born when a team led by Jacquie Stuyt, and including Evelyn White, Nora Warmington and Elspeth Orchard, came together with others from the National Board of Catholic Women, the Catholic Women's League and the Union of Catholic Mothers to organise the first Family Fast Day in 1960. This Family Fast Day please consider eating simply, giving what you save to CAFOD and remembering in your prayers our sisters and brothers in need. CAFOD envelopes will be available at all three churches to take away and bring back next weekend. Your gifts will help people learn new skills so they can support themselves and their families.



GAMES ON THE LAWN NEXT SUNDAY — A REQUEST



"Games on the Lawn" continue on the first of the month: Sunday October 6th after the 10.45am Mass at St Johns, with refreshments in the parish hall. Everyone welcome to join in!! **And we have a request!?** Our weather could possibly push us inside for a few "First Sundays". If anyone has any simple inside games they no longer use we would be happy to accept them. Please contact Margaret P 07751 025178 with any queries or if collection is needed - Thanks!

Loving Father, thank you for the wonderful new people you have brought into my life. Help me to show welcome and interest in their lives so that I might be kind to all of them, in Jesus name.

DECEMBER 16TH—A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY — PARISH CHRISTMAS CRACKER

We've moved this popular event to St John's Parish Hall, and want you to get the date in your diary! It will be on Friday 16th December. Watch this space for details, including when tickets go on sale!

SUPPORT ST JOHN'S PARISH SCHOOL

Cashpot for Schools: St John's have signed up for ASDA's 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign and would like the parish could support them. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to primary schools 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. St John's School Plastic Bottle Tops Recycling

SchoolCycled Bottle-Top Collection: As part of our Catholic Social Teaching, the school is working with SchoolCycled who recycle plastic lids. They collect them, shred them and then re-make them into plant pots and furniture. The aim of the project is to stop plastic going to landfill as well as educate pupils about the importance of looking after Earth, our common home. School can also have free access to the recycled products. There will be a collection box at St John's church or you can drop them off at school. **THANK YOU** **No metal tops please**

PRAYER AND ACTION: A CAMINO CHALLENGE



Fr Chris Gorton, one of our diocesan priests in Bolton, and previously at Holy Saviour Nelson, is set to embark on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS



Our next quiz in St Mary's parish Rooms will be led by Theo on Mon 30th Sept. Entrance fee of £2 which includes free tea/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: Philip Wolstenholme, Filipinas Timbol Alonso, Agnes Madden, Fr Michael Twomey, Trevor Kerr, Bernard Jones, Fr Ray Matus,

Other Intentions: Seamus McLaughlin, For a speedy recovery,

Birthday and Wedding Memoriam: Ernest and Winifred McKnight.

Birthday intention; Sr Delia

Birthday Memoriam: Hannah Harward. Mark Buffet Corrigan,

Anniversaries: James Burns, William Wilson, John Joseph, May Santillan, Eriberto Sanfillan, Dingdong Gonzaga, Maximino Pacifico, Owen Doyle, Sheila Doyle, John Green, John Neville Haworth, Mary Haworth, Kath Young, John Coupe, Terence Michael Manley, Martin Cooke, Hannah Harward.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS—ST JOHN'S AND CHRIST THE KING



Christ the King: October is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 to arrange collection. Thank you

St John's: Please bring boxes/monies to church or give to your promoter. If you would like a box or your monies collected please ring Lynn on 433832.

Many thanks for your continued support.

READERS FORMATION MORNING—DIOCESE AND DEANERY

A workshop to help readers, priests, and deacons across the diocese prepare for the introduction of the new Lectionary this Advent will be taking place next month. The session will take place at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Collyhurst, on Saturday 5th October from 10.30am until 1pm. **We also plan to put on a session for our readers here in the Deanery at some point in November, details of which to follows.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LINDISFARNE

Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place between 15th-17th May 2025.

Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

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 4th September was number 2
Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ rollover

St Mary's ~ Patricia

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 30TH SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Jerome</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)
Tuesday	<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i> 9.30am St Mary's, St John's 10am 11.00am Funeral Service at St Mary's for Edward Glover RIP.	
Wednesday	<i>Guardian Angels</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am.	
Saturday	<i>St Faustina Kowalska</i> 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	<i>Twenty-seventh 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 (*A recording of the Mass will be available later from Sunday afternoon)	

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 21st/22nd Sept was £,1212.15 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.



ESCORTED TOUR—RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE / KNOCK SHRINE

Escorted Tour to Ireland to include venerating St. Bernadette's Relics. Sunday 03rd November 2024. £899.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. <http://www.knockpilgrimages.com/>

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