

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH OCTOBER 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

The Gospel today presents us with the parable of the vineyard. The vineyard, entrusted to the tenants, grows and matures and becomes rich with possibility and is ripe for harvesting. But the tenants refuse to share the gifts entrusted to them. They become obsessed with security and fiercely defend their possessions, they kill off anyone, who invites them to share what they have with others. In the end they even kill the king's son, who asked them to share what they have with others so the king will have nothing to do with them.

Our lives are a vineyard that God entrusts to us. And each of our lives, is richly blessed by God. The voice of God's Son Jesus calls out to us to share our talents, our riches, our gifts with those around us and also with those who



have less than we have. However sadly, we too often become more interested in security, to protect our own interests rather than sharing what we have with those

around us. We forget that our gifts, our talents and our richness are meant to be used and not just stored up.

A life withdrawn from generous sharing and love of other people loses its meaning and becomes nothing. Each of us is richly blessed so how sad it would be if we failed to take notice of God's call to make available the treasures of our lives and share them with others. The vineyard is ripe for the harvest and God calls out to each one of us:: Come, share what you have and discover that the real treasure is not in what you possess but in what you are willing to give away.

#### DOES YOUR DBS CERTIFICATE NEED RENEWING?

In order to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults, all parish volunteers working with them need to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check completed. These checks need to take place once every three years.

If you are a volunteer whose DBS Certificate has expired, the Diocese of Salford's Safeguarding Team will be contacting you by email within the next couple of weeks to send you an individual link where you can complete your renewal form online. It's a lot simpler and quicker than the old paper forms. However, if you do not have a computer or you need any assistance with anything then help will be available.

A DBS 'Clinic' will be held at St Mary's Parish Rooms on Saturday, 21st October between 11:00am and 2:00pm and everybody who needs a DBS Certificate will be invited to drop in if they can with the necessary ID documents. Plenty of assistance will be available there too. For further details go to the Parish website [www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk) and follow the link near to the top of the page.

#### FR BENJAMIN GARBA

Fr Benjamin has been asked to help out in the Parish of St Bernard in Burnage, South Manchester, so he is now staying there for the next four or five weeks. After this period, he will briefly return to Burnley prior to taking up a new appointment in the Diocese. Please keep him in your prayers during this period of transition. We will greatly miss him for the dedication and encouragement he gives to us all.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Canon Kevin Kenny, Patricia Tracey, Teresa Wilding, Edith Brierley, Michael Towers. Daniel McGrath,

**Anniversaries:** Jeffrey Biddulph, Michael Reynolds, Jean Chatterton, James Whitehead, Kathleen Young, John Simm, Francis O'Hara, James Nutter, Mary Duerden, Thomas Nelson, Catherine Nelson,

**Birthday Memoriam:** Jose F V D'Silva, Ramon Holt, Myra Walne.

**In memoriam:** Robert Chatterton, Vincent Rawstron, Annie Shore,

**Other:** Tressa Byrom, Rosemary, Successful Surgery, Vinnie Walsh, Michael Wynne,



### PARISH HIKE—SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER—NEXT WEEKEND

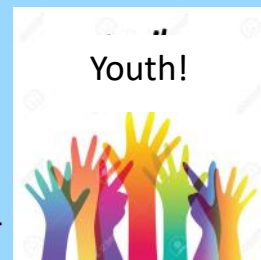


There will be a parish hike on Sunday 15th October. We will do 6 miles in the Gorple area. We will meet at St Mary's car park at 12.30pm.

Please bring a packed lunch, waterproofs, a drink and wear boots. For details contact Fr David.

### YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP

Our next gathering for those in school Year 9 and over will gather from 6.30pm to 8pm at St Mary's parish rooms **this Monday 17th October**. A simple parental consent form will need to be completed in order to attend.



### AFTERNOON TEA—WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The ever popular event returns once more to St. Mary's Parish Rooms. The cost will be £8.00. All are welcome. Please contact Elaine on 01282 413127 to book your place or after each Sunday Mass 10.00a.m. **Payments will be gratefully received by 11th October at the latest so that food can be ordered. Thank you.**



### GOOD SAMARITAN SVP HOUSEBOUND MASS - THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who managed to attend the Housebound Mass at St John's on Saturday and to Father Job and Father Benjamin for officiating and joining us afterwards for food. It was lovely to see people come from across the parish, bringing us all together. A note for your diaries, our next Housebound Mass will be on Saturday December 9th 12 noon at St John's. The SVP would like to say THANK YOU for several donations of money that we received on Saturday. It all goes to help us in our work. God bless you all.

### 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 4th October was number **46** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Margaret**

**St Mary's ~ Barbara**

**Christ the King ~ Roll-over**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy. We hope you continue to enjoy this initiative and feel able to support it. There will 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. The winner will get 50% of the takings which could be up to £50. The remainder goes to parish funds.

### THE BIG PICTURE ~ A DVD COURSE

The Big Picture is the title of our DVD course which is an Inspirational Bible Course. The Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and 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 continuing on Friday 13th October and ending on 9th August 2024. The next sessions are as follows:

10th Nov ~ Creation:

8th Dec ~ The Fall

## CAFOD NEWS—8TH OCTOBER 2023

**Laudate Deum** – Pope Francis on Wednesday, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, published “Laudate Deum: to all people of good will on the climate crisis”, his new Exhortation on the environment, a follow up to his encyclical, Laudato Si’. CAFOD are hosting an online event on Thursday 12 October at 7pm to reflect on what Pope Francis’ Laudate Deum means for us. Please register for this free event and share the invitation with others:

[https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Laudato-Si?utm\\_bmc\\_source=Vol](https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Laudato-Si?utm_bmc_source=Vol)

**Harvest Family Fast Day** fell on Friday 6 th October. Some of the CAFOD group members gave talks at the Sunday Masses last weekend. Many thanks to those who’ve donated already. You can still return your envelopes this week or in the coming weeks, just ensure your envelope is clearly marked “CAFOD” if it’s not an official CAFOD envelope. The country of focus is Pakistan and you can find out how your support has enabled CAFOD to come to the aid of communities affected by the terrible floods of last year by following the link below and you can also use this link to donate online:

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/appeals/harvest-appeal>

The group are still hoping to recruit new members, if you’re interested, please contact them for an informal chat - Anne Marie (07544 491425), Dominic (07999 512102) or

## UNIVERSAL SYNOD - OCTOBER 4TH TO 29TH 2023

Pope Francis has convened the Synodal Meeting which runs for most of this month. It will consider how we, as a Church, develop in the future, It has a high profile in the media. **Please pray** for the Holy Spirit’s guidance on all those involved that they produce outcomes that will lead the faithful to fuller lives as Christians and members of the Church.

**Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Synod (extract):** “We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions ...”

## COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



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!



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 September totalled £40. **Enormous thanks to everyone.**



## MISSIO RED BOXES—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 or 07874 882132 to arrange collection. Thank you

## ST. MARY’S—CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

At the back of church you will find our new ‘digital collection plate’, which will allow you to use your debit/credit card or smartphone to make payments by PIN or contactless technology.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

For those who are eligible UK taxpayers, you can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. Registration is quick and easy and, once registered, any further donations using the card will automatically be gift-aided, meaning the Parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.



## 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 9TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2023**

**Please note the changes this week.**

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St John Henry Newman</i> 9.30am St Mary's	<b>Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St Paulinus of York</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	<b>Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St John XXIII</i> 9.30am Christ the King	
	<b>12.30pm Funeral Mass for Patricia Tracey RIP at St Mary's</b> 7.00pm St John's	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St. Wilfrid</i> <b>9.30am St Johns</b>	<b>Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St. Edward the Confessor</i> <b>10am Funeral Mass at St John's for Edith Brierley RIP</b> 12.00noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Callistus</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's <b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Twenty-Eighth 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 OCTOBER 2023**



**For the Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



**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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