

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of:

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

BURNLEY



## NEWSLETTER

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In today's Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to "increase our faith". This is something that each of us could use as a prayer each day: "Lord, increase our faith". This is a wise way to pray, because it is not enough to just keep the faith, we need to grow in faith. Our faith is not fully grown when we receive it, faith has to grow and as our faith grows it changes.

Using the example of a tiny mustard seed, Jesus tells us that a little faith, provided it is authentic, can achieve amazing things and even the impossible can become possible. His saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense; it is a striking way of saying that with faith what looks impos-



sible becomes possible. It's the quality of our faith that matters, not the size of it.

Our Christian faith is about our relationship with God through Christ. Just as none of our relationships

remain static nor does our faith remain static. All relationships and especially our relationship with God needs nourishment in order to grow. We nourish our faith by our faithfulness to prayer as well as receiving the Sacraments regularly, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Our faith is also nourished by contact with the parish community; our presence at Sunday Mass allows us to nourish the faith of others as well as being nourished ourselves. Lord, increase our faith!

### FR. THEO'S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

Many thanks to all from the parish who came to the ordination Mass last Saturday at St Luke's in Salford, which was a really wonderful Diocesan occasion. We extend our thanks to all who organised, supported and celebrated Fr. Theo's Mass of Thanksgiving which was held at St John's church, Burnley. This was really well supported by the parish with the involvement of people from across the parish. We welcomed a good number of priests from across the Deanery and beyond, and also had musicians, singers, servers and readers from across the three churches. Thanks to all who prepared the wonderful refreshments afterwards. At the end of the Mass some of the parish schools presented gifts to Fr. Theo and Fr. David also gave Fr. Theo a card and the gift of a cheque for £1000, the result of the collection the parish had discretely organised. This was another really joyful occasion and many graces will surely result from such a memorable occasion.



### THANK YOU FROM FR. THEO

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone in the parish for their prayers, cards, and gifts which they have given to me over the past week. The generosity of the people of this parish, both to the collection and individually, has been astonishing and I am truly touched by it all. I look forward to continuing to work with and serve everyone in our parish as assistant priest in the future. Be assured of my prayers and my blessing upon you all, Fr. Theo.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Peter Bond, Philomena Helliwell, Winifred Flynn, Peggy Magee, John McCusker. Connie Clancy,

**Anniversaries:** Sidney Aunger (1st Ann), Maria Cristina Gonzales Summers (1st Ann), James Thomas Nutter, Jeffery Biddulph,

Lillian Wells (nee Hill).

**Birthday Memorial:** Jose FV D'Silva.

**Other intentions:** The Degg Family ints, Kathleen Finlay.



## PRIESTLY APPOINTMENTS

It was announced in the parish last weekend that Fr. Job Zirra is being put in charge of his own parish. He is going to be running the parish of St Dunstan and St John Vianney in Moston in North Manchester. This is the parish where Fr. David served as Parish Priest for ten years between 2004 and 2014. He will be replacing the current Parish Priest Fr. Martin Saunders who is retiring after many years of service to the Diocese. We will be really sorry to see Fr. Job leave us, as he has brought such joy and love to us and we know he himself has really loved being here in Burnley these last two and half years. His last weekend with us will be 1st /2nd November.



Last Saturday, Theo Sharrock was ordained as a priest for the Diocese by Bishop John. We are delighted to announce that the Bishop has now appointed Fr. Theo as Assistant Priest of the parish of the Good Samaritan, in succession to Fr. Job. Fr. Theo will continue to reside at St Mary's presbytery with Fr. David serving the whole of the parish. There are plans for an order of religious sisters to take up residence at St John's presbytery in the very near future.



May many blessings come upon our parish through these times of change. Please pray for Fr. Job and Fr. Theo during this important time in their lives. Thank you.

## SVP RECRUITMENT WEEKEND



This will take place on the 8th and 9th of November. Royston Calico is our Membership Support Officer and he will be giving a lectern address at most of the masses that weekend. Please keep him and our Conference in your prayers for a successful outcome.

## 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 is yourself!



## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

**For collaboration between different religious traditions**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



## 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 Wednesday 1st Oct was number **27**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Christine   St Mary's ~ Jim   Christ the King ~ Maggie**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.



### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

**KSC WEEKLY QUIZ:** Our next quiz night will be on Monday 6th October at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms. Come and join the fun and evening with friends!

**KSC INTER PARISH QUIZ** Our Nelson brother Knights have a long tradition of inter-Parish quizzes. For the second year the Good Samaritan Parish is invited (and challenged?!) to join in the fun! It will be held at the **KSC Club 10 Forest St, Nelson on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**KSC Rosary Crusade:** This will take place at 6.30pm at John's Ivy St, prior to 7pm Mass on Wednesday 8th October. All are welcome.

### MISSIO RED BOXES

The autumn booklets now being distributed for the St. John's community. Please bring your boxes/monies to church or ring Lynn for collection 433832 and to request a RED BOX if you are able to share/spare your pennies/pounds - prayers also especially useful. **Many thanks.**

For the Christ the King Community October is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen on 07593 854661 to arrange collection.

**Thank you for your amazing continuing support.**



*"The more ready you are to give yourself to God and to others, the more you discover the authentic meaning of life".*

### SONGS OF PRAISE FOR JUBILEE YEAR—POSTPONED

Apologies but the event scheduled for 23rd October at St Mary's is postponed, the new date for which will be communicated in the very near future.

### 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.

### 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. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.



*Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the  
night*



*I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my  
heart*

### 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 the students at Blessed Trinity College, who have raised **almost £14,500** 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 6TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025**

**Please note the changes this week**

- Monday** *St Bruno*  
9.30am St. Mary's
- Tuesday** *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
**9.30am St. John's**  
**12.30pm Funeral Mass at Christ the King for Philomena Helliwell RIP**
- Wednesday** *Weekday*  
9.30am Christ the King  
**7.00pm St. John's—The KSC will lead the Rosary at 6.30pm**
- Thursday** *St John Henry Newman*  
**9.30am St. John's**  
**11.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Margaret Magee RIP**
- Friday** *St Paulinus of York*  
**9.30am St. Mary's** followed by Exposition and Reconciliation from 10.30am to 11.30am
- Saturday** *St John XXIII*  
9.30am St. Mary's, Exposition with Reconciliation from 10.30am 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** ***Twenty-Eighth 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 should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

**EXPOSITION:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)

**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

**Thank you.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 27/28th September was £1,458.18, for which, many thanks.

**Clergy Team**

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