

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15TH OCTOBER 2023

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Churches of

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

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel Jesus is addressing the chief priests and elders in his parable about the king's banquet, which states that the Chosen People are not responding to his teaching to build the Kingdom of God



and so it is offered to everyone who is prepared to listen and respond to it.

We have all been invited to the great Heavenly Banquet but we must respond and it requires a response through the way we live our daily lives. However, our lives are busy and preoccupied so we can find lots of reasons for not making God a priority. It is quite understandable when there are more immediate demands on our time; it seems more worthwhile doing all the household jobs, sorting out the needs of the family, getting on top of our work. It is quite easy to push God

back, thinking we don't need to worry about God and eternity and heaven until later. The people in today's Gospel all had reasonable excuses not to come to the banquet.

However there does come a time when we do need to make the Lord number one priority, and that should start now, not tomorrow because we are only ever a split second away from eternity.

We get a foretaste of the "Heavenly Banquet" in the Mass when we receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord. Holy Communion is the real presence of Jesus so in the Eucharist, Jesus comes really present to us and with it comes the promise of eternal life. What greater gift than that can we possibly be invited to receive?.

DOES YOUR DBS CERTIFICATE NEED RENEWING? CLINIC NEXT STAURDAY

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 Oct from 11:00am to 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 and follow the link near to the top of the page.

FR BENJAMIN GARBA

Fr Benjamin is currently helping out in the Parish of St Bernard in Burnage, South Manchester, so he is staying there for the next few 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, Teresa Carmel Wilding, Patricia Tracey, Edith Brierley, Matthew Townley, Dorothy Waters,

Anniversaries: Derek Gill, Elizabeth Green, Gladis Winifred Gilbert, Jack Taylor, John Taylor,

Martha Hollingworth, Alice Fortune., Eileen Cunniffe,

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

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

Other: Keith's and Rachael's intentions

REMEMBER REMEMBER 5TH NOVEMBER BRASS BAND CONCERT AT ST MARY'S

BMP Band will present the concert at St Mary's on Sunday 5th November 2023 starting at 2.00p.m. Admission is free - there will be a voluntary collection towards band and parish funds. We'll have drinks and cakes / biscuits for sale in the interval. There will be a Raffle with many exciting prizes which will be drawn on the day. It will be a mixed bag of music to suit everyone's taste: Hymns to Marches; Musicals and Films to sometime-Pop. Great entertainment for everyone! Sit back, relax and enjoy!



PARISH HIKE—THIS SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER



There will be a parish hike on Sunday 15th October. We will do approx 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 PEOPLE'S 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 16th October**. A simple parental consent form will need to be completed in order to attend.



AFTERNOON TEA—THIS WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

The ever popular event returns once more to St. Mary's Parish Rooms **at 12.30pm**. 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. **Please pay asap Thank you.**



BURNLEY MUNICIPAL CHOIR PRESENT HAYDN'S 'CREATION'

The Choir will perform 'Creation' at the Mechanics next Sunday 22nd October at 7.00pm. It is a wonderful and joyous telling of the Genesis story. Tickets from Mechanics box office, on the door or from www.burnleychoir.co.uk

PARISH BONUS BALLGAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 11th October was number **58** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Danny St Mary's ~ Ann Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy. It's simple to enter: put your name on the sheet at the back of each church, pay £2 and wait for the winnings to roll in!! 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 new DVD course which is an Inspirational Bible Course. The course consists of 12 sessions, which will take place on the 2nd Friday of each month. Our next session will be on Friday 10th Nov and the topic will be Creation,.



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

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 - 2024 THE BIG LISTEN

Please join us if you can at one of the following venues as we continue our Synodal journey. This is an introduction to the Big Listen facilitated by the Parish Synod representatives — Sam and Lynne — and will be delivered through small group discussions, listening activities, reflection and prayer. The sessions will last approximately one hour and coffee and biscuits will be available.



'This is an opportunity to grow in the skills of listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other and together set the future direction and priorities of the life and mission of our Diocese'. Both sessions are open to people from all three churches across the parish. They will be held as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday October 25th at 7.35pm (after 7pm Mass) in St John's Parish Rooms
- ◆ Friday October 27th at 12.45pm (after 12 Noon Mass) in St Mary's Parish Rooms

PAPAL SYNOD - OCTOBER 4TH TO 29TH 2023

Pope Francis has convened the Synodal Meeting which runs for most of October. It will consider how we, as a church, develop in the future, with some focus on women's roles. 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 ..."

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning is a great source of fellowship and friendship, as well as funding for the parish. Would you like to help by joining the rota? The current team will show you the ropes setting up, brewing up and serving up! A great way to meet new friends! Phone Maureen on 07807 184 743.



CAFOD NEWS—OCTOBER 2023

Harvest Family Fast Day: Many thanks to those who have 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>

Volunteers: 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 Paul (07973 343054).

QUICKIES FOR CHRISTMAS!

- ◆ St John's once again has some **beautiful Christmas Cards** for sale: on display at the back of church. Just £3.99 a pack
- ◆ Diary Date: 8th December at the KSC—**The Annual Christmas Cracker Concert**. Quality entertainment amongst friends!

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 16TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	Only one Mass today
	9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Only one Mass today
	9.15am St. Mary's	
Wednesday	<i>St Luke the Evangelist</i>	
	9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>St. John de Brebeuf and companions</i>	
	1.00pm Funeral Service for Kathleen Griffin RIP at St John's	
	6.15pm Mass at St Mary's	Only one Mass today
Friday	<i>Weekday</i>	
	12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am	
Saturday	<i>Weekday</i>	
	9.30am St Mary's 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's	
	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-Nineth</i>	
	<i>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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