

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

## NEWSLETTER

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**15TH JANUARY 2023 YEAR A**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL



Commenting about today's Gospel, Francois Mauriac writes; "That which had passed between them at the first meeting between the Lord and Andrew and John son of Zebedee was the secret of a more a human love, love inexpressible. Already the lighted fire was catching from tree to tree, from soul to soul"

That first encounter we hear of with John and his disciples is really important. This is like the first spark of his mission. Like the first spark that

begins a forest fire, which spreads from one tree to another this inexpressible divine love is always infectious and moves quickly from one human soul to another. John is then able to witness that Jesus is the Lamb of God having witnessed the spirit like a dove come down upon him at his baptism as we heard about last Sunday as we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord.

As Christians, We are to try each day to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts to burn brightly so that others may be drawn to catch that infectious love for Christ. Though sinners ourselves we can bring the message of conversion and hope that comes through professing Jesus the Lamb of God to be the Lord of our lives and our hearts.

### FR DAMIEN LOUDEN

We say farewell to Fr Damien on Wednesday as he moves to become Priest in Charge at St Joseph's, Reddish, Stockport. Fr Damien will celebrate his last Mass with us at 9.30am at St Mary's on Tuesday 17th Jan at which a brief presentation to him will be made. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the parish rooms.

### Thank You

We all sincerely thank him for his dedication, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, sense of fun and commitment, from which we have benefitted during his time with us. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he takes up his new appointment. **With sincere thanks from all the Parish**

### From Fr Damien

"I would like to thank you all for the kindness and generosity shown to me during my time here at The parish of The Good Samaritan, I have really enjoyed being here and sharing in the life of this wonderful community. I will always remember you in my prayers and would ask for yours as I move to the Parish of St. Joseph's Reddish. With my sincere gratitude Fr. Damien"

### SPUC WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND



SPUC lobbies on a pro-life platform, seeking to protect the sanctity of human life. There will be a collection to support the organisation after Mass in all our churches this weekend.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Barry Green, Bridie O'Hara, Paul Towey, Ann Pepper, Peter Jackson, Anne Lowe, Mark Linda McDermott, Sr Monica McCormick, Eileen Conlan, Pope Benedict XVI, James Spedding, Margaret Buckley, Michael Skinner., Lauretta Risorto,

**Other Intentions:** Intentions of Bridie O'Hara, In Thanksgiving, Blessings received in 2022 and pray-

ing for more grace in 2023, Donor's Intention, Special Intention, Thanksgiving for a safe journey, Sr Colette and Team, Successful hospital treatment for a relative, Special int,

**Birthday Memoriam:** Winifred Aunger, Maria Cristina Gonzalez,

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Smith, Leanna Oliver, Cyril Chadwick, Walter Shaw, David Hartley, Michael Hephrun, Caroline Park, John Greenwood Mary Santilan,, Thomas Walne, Ian Stewart, Ann Conway,

### PARISH COACH TRIP TO OSCOTT (PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION)

Mark McGeehan, our seminarian has invited us to spend an afternoon at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, as part of a college initiative called "Parish Sunday". The day will comprise afternoon tea on arrival at the College, a tour of the college by Mark and other seminarians and culminates in joining the Community for solemn Vespers in the college chapel. This will take place on Sunday 12th February. A coach has been booked **leaving** at

12.00 noon from St John's

12.10pm from St Mary's

12.20 from Manchester Road near Christ the King

Please arrive early for speedy boarding. We hope to be back in Burnley by 9pm. Places are limited so please book early to ensure you get a place. The cost of the whole experience is £20 per person. If interested, **please contact Lynne tel 078 500 48538 Apologies this number was wrongly written last week.**

**This is the real thing!**

Thank you.



### CAFOD NEWS

**Happy New Year** – The Good Samaritan CAFOD group wants to wish everyone a happy New Year and pray it brings you health and happiness. New Year, new resolutions? Have you ever thought of becoming a CAFOD volunteer or joining the parish CAFOD group? If you have, please have a chat with one of our existing members, Anne Marie Coppock, Paul Carney or Dominic Aunger in the parish or email/call: [dominic.aunger@btinternet.com](mailto:dominic.aunger@btinternet.com) / 07999 512102

**Date for Your Diary** – This year CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day falls on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. More details to follow.

**CAFOD's Big Lent Walk** – During Lent CAFOD is encouraging individuals, families, friends, parishes and schools to get involved in "The Big CAFOD / Lent Walk". Why not challenge yourself and try just 3–5 km every day especially in Lent, our parks are lovely in springtime. Help raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Choose a goal that suits you, and get family and friends to make it a daily fun event!. For more details just visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

POPE FRANCIS'  
INTENTION FOR  
JANUARY 2023

#### For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and, above all, helping the youngest and most vulnerable.



**KSC WEEKLY QUIZ** There's a Quiz every Monday evening starting at 8.30pm in the KSC 110 Club. Come and join the fun—come as a team or join a team when you arrive.

### FOODBANK

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 £13,000 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>. St John's will continue to accept money gifts, in an envelope clearly marked dropped into the presbytery letter-box. Donations for December totalled £105. Our parish SVP has also generously donated £50.



**Enormous thanks to everyone for their generosity**

### 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 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2023

**Please note.** Significant changes to the usual schedule are in **bold**.

### Monday

*Weekday*

9.30am St Mary's

**Only one Mass today**

### Tuesday

*St Anthony*

9.30am St Mary's

(This Mass will include a farewell presentation to Fr Damien)

**Only one Mass today**

### Wednesday

*Weekday*

9.30am Christ the King

**Only one Mass today**

### Thursday

*St Wulstan*

9.30am St John's

**Only one Mass today**

### Friday

*St Sebastian*

12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's, preceded at 11.30—11.55am by Reconciliation and Exposition

**Only one Mass today**

### Saturday

*St Agnes*

9.30am St Mary's

10.30am to 11.30am — Reconciliation and Exposition at St Mary's

5.15pm to 5.55pm — Reconciliation and Exposition at St John's

**Vigil Masses:**

6.00pm St John's

6.30pm St Mary's

### Sunday:

***THIRD 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



### Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (except before Funerals).

### 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!*

### INVITATION TO SING

Every Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm Nelson Secret Singers begins Thursday at Christ Church 15 Cross Street Nelson. It's especially for those who say: 'I can't sing'. It's hoped it gives us confidence in singing - to bring along to our parish community. There is a charge to cover costs. Maria Boys 07929 256406 is our parish contact.

### COVID GUIDANCE IN OUR CHURCHES

*In accordance with Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales we have very recently introduced some relaxations to Covid regulations in the parish:*

- ~ We continue to request that adults wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church.
- ~ Holy Communion can again be received in the hand or in the mouth. Please say 'Amen' when receiving Holy Communion.
- ~ Our stewards will continue to welcome us and cleanse the church.
- ~ At the Distribution of Holy Communion please process from the front and unsupervised by the stewards
- ~ The Sign of Peace may be offered.

### Clergy Team

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