

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29TH 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 the Gospel today Jesus summarized everything into two great commandments, Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:37-39)

How do we love God with all our heart, soul and mind? Is it possible to love God above all else? True love of God leads us to love our neighbour. St. Thomas Aquinas said, "When man is loved, God is loved, for man is the image of God."

So, who then is our neighbour? A scribe in Luke's Gospel asked our Lord this very question and he answered with the story



of the Good Samaritan. In this story the Samaritan teaches us that our neighbour is everyone in need, friend, or enemy. Every person is our neighbour, more particularly the one in need. Love is more than just a feeling. Love is an act of the will, to will the good of another whether it feels good or not; to put another's good before our own. True love is a love centred on love of God and self-sacrifice.

When you love God then you will be able to love others as Christ does, with patience and sacrifice. Then you will care for what matters most: care for the person God has placed in your path. You are then truly following the way of Jesus ~ the way of love. You need both to be an authentic Christian.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SALFORD SYNOD

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey, draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **pray for us.** St Joseph, **pray for us.**

#### 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 almost £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>. St John's will continue to accept money gifts, in an envelope clearly marked dropped into the presbytery letter-box. Donations for September totalled £40.

**Thank you all!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Birthday Memoriam:** Eddie Heap

**Lately Dead:** Matthew Townley, Dorothy Waters, Ann Cunningham, Ged MacWilliam, Brian Treverton, Fr. Donal Daly, Ann Seymour., Joe Crawford,

**Other Intentions;** Sr Luke de Vito,



**Anniversaries:** Arthur Aspden, Christopher Burrow.

### 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 **21**. Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Michael    St Mary's ~ Ita    Christ the King ~ Rachel**

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.

### TUESDAY CLUB AT ST. MARY'S



The Tuesday club meets every Tuesday from 1pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's. We have games of Bingo, refreshments and a good "catch up" with friends. All are

welcome from across the parish. For more information please contact Marie tel 07427770970.

### 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 **on Thursday 9th November** (apologies for the wrong day appearing in last week's newsletter).

A simple parental consent form will need to be completed in order to attend.



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

BMP Band will present the concert at St Mary's **next** Sunday 5th November 2023 starting at 2.00pm. 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!

*Donations of raffle prizes would be welcome and donations of cakes on the day.*



### "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 continuing on Friday 10th Nov on Creation, and ending on 9th August 2024.

### NOVEMBER MASSES—DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Mass for the deceased brothers will be celebrated at St Mary's at 9.30am on Saturday 11th November.

All are welcome.



#### BEREAVEMENT MASS

This will take place at St John's on Saturday 18th November at 12.15pm. It will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

All are welcome.

### QUICKIES FOR CHRISTMAS!

- ◆ St John's 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!

## DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 - 2024 THE BIG LISTEN

Thanks to the parish team for organising last week's "Big Listen" sessions. Special thanks to those who attended and took part. We hope you found it enjoyable and helpful. Please keep the Synod in your prayers. Thank you.



## UNIVERSAL 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 ..."

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY—AN HOUR OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST



St. Mary's church will stay open **this Thursday** morning between 11.00am and 12.00 noon to allow people to come and light a candle as well as pray for all who are suffering because of the conflict in Israel/Gaza.

## ALL SAINTS DAY—WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

This Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints—a Holyday of Obligation. Parish Mass times can be found on the final page of the newsletter

## 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!



## CAFOD NEWS—30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Salina's Big Letter Update** – Last week, our signatures were among an amazing 70,000 delivered by CAFOD staff and supporters to the UK office of the World Bank in London, where they were received by senior World Bank staff who agreed to meet and discuss the issue. Meanwhile, CAFOD campaigners were also in Marrakech, Morocco where the World Bank's Annual Meetings took place, to speak directly to World Bank officials there about what more they can do to support small-scale farmers. Thanks so much for standing in solidarity with small-scale farmers, like Salina, as part of CAFOD's 'Fix the Food System' campaign. For all the details on the hand-in and meetings visit CAFOD's website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/salina-s-letter-delivered-to-world-bank>

**Update on the Crisis in the Holy Land** – You will have all been shocked and deeply saddened by the images and stories in the media from Israel and Gaza. CAFOD has worked with its partners in the region for decades and is currently in close contact with them to assess how best to provide support. Please continue to keep them and the whole region in your prayers. To find out more, visit the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help>

## 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 30TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Please note the changes this week.

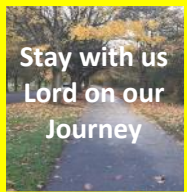
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> <b>10.00am Funeral Mass at St. John's for Brian Treverton RIP</b> <b>Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> <b>10.00am Funeral Mass at St. Mary's for Matthew Townley RIP</b> 12.00 noon St. John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>All Saints Day — Holyday of Obligation</i> <b>9.30am St. John's      12.00 noon St. Mary's      7.00pm Christ the King</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>All Souls Day</i> <b>10.00am Funeral Mass at St. Mary's for Anne Cunningham RIP</b> 12.00 noon St. John's      7.00pm Christ the King
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Martin de Porres</i> 12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Charles Borromeo</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>Thirty-First 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 NOVEMBER 2023**



**For the Pope:** We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



**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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