

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD NOVEMBER 2024 YEAR B



#### Churches of

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

"Which is the first of all the commandments?" was a reasonable question for that scribe to ask of Jesus in today's Gospel. Jesus answers by wisely choosing two of the highest commands of the Old Testament and gave them new meaning by bringing them both together. There is no genuine love of God without love for our neighbour; and there can be no true love of our neighbour without a genuine love for God.

The real purpose of human life has never been better expressed than in this dual commandment of Jesus that gets to the heart and soul of what is really important about life.

We know that we have been created in order to love. We all know that we

"You must love your neighbour as yourself"

are loved by God and that we all strive to the best of our ability, imperfect as it may be, to show our love for God even though we can't see Him, except through our eyes of faith. However, it is also quite challenging to love our neighbour who we can see because we all have some imperfections that at times make us difficult to be loved by each other.

At a funeral, we often recall the encounters we have had with the deceased in order to capture something of their personality. What really counts in God's eyes is, "How much love have they shown?" Wouldn't it be great if, the final verdict on our life was, "Faithful, generous, served others, committed to love?"

#### DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE—THIS THURSDAY

On Thursday **7th November at 10am at St Mary's** there will be a concelebrated Mass, with the priests of the Deanery, for the deceased priests of the Diocese. All are welcome.

#### DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS - PARISH MEETINGS - THIS THURSDAY

Between now and December, we are being asked as a parish to plan and facilitate four "Theme Gatherings", each one exploring a different theme from our Big Listen Report. The remaining themes are:

- ♦ Session 2 Building Connections ~ 6pm 7th Nov at Christ the King School
- ♦ Session 3 Enabling Access 6pm~ 6pm 21st November at St John's parish rooms
- ♦ Session 4 Fostering Christ-like Care ~ 6pm 5th Dec at St Mary's parish rooms



Thanks to those who came to the first session on 3rd October and for all that was shared. A summary leaflet for each theme will be available in advance of each session. Please read the leaflets carefully and prayerfully to enable you to participate fully in the theme gathering meetings. The leaflet for the second theme, "Building Connections" is available at the back of the churches. **Our parish session to consider this theme will be at Christ the King school THIS Thursday 7th November at 6pm.** All are welcome .

#### SVP PARISH HOUSEBOUND MASS

The SVP are holding their Housebound Mass at 12.15pm on Saturday November 16th in St John's Parish Hall . Mass will be followed by a light lunch. This invitation is open to anyone across the parish who is housebound or unable to attend mass on a regular basis. If you need transport please contact Maria on 07929256406 or Klaus on 07977913092. **Another date for your diary:** our usual Advent mass will be on Saturday December 7th at 12 15pm. This will be followed by our Christmas party.

**THE TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP**

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to join other Catholics in taking action on the government's two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families, introduced in 2017. All you need to do is complete a short e-Action form that automatically contacts your MP to outline your opposition to the cap. Head to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/> to find out more and complete the form. It's really easy to do.

**ASSISTED DYING**

The 'Right to Life organisation is encouraging us to write to our MP, who will support this law, to ask him to change his mind. Our website provides the link, which makes it very easy. Please read the letter which will go to him, and change as you wish. Then it's two or three 'clicks' and the job is done. The moral issues are clear for Catholics, but the added worry is that once available the rules will be relaxed and put old and sick people under pressure.

**DON'T LEAVE THIS FOR 'SOMEONE ELSE' TO DO! YOUR VOICE COUNTS.**

*"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions"* **Pope Francis**

**CAFOD NEWS – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3RD NOVEMBER 2024**

**Harvest Family Fast Day** - The CAFOD group would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations at the Fast Day. A wonderful **£1,129 has been sent to CAFOD**. Some of the donations were gift aided which will add to the total. CAFOD will use these donations to help people living in poverty to provide for their families.



**CAFOD's new World Gifts catalogues** are now available to collect at the back of our three churches. Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work and you can find your perfect, waste-free Christmas gifts inside. You can also shop for World Gifts via the website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>. If you are able, please consider a World Gift this Christmas. There are gifts for education, farming, health, water and emergencies and they make wonderful presents at Christmas and on other special occasions.

**DEANERY SESSION FOR READERS ON THE NEW LECTIONARY—NEXT SATURDAY**

As already indicated, we will host a session for readers from the parish and the Deanery at **St Mary's Parish Rooms on Saturday 8th November at 11.45am**. The session will finish at 1pm. The focus will be on the importance of the Ministry and a chance to become acquainted with the translation, found in the new lectionary, which comes into use on 30th November. Tea/Coffee/cake will be served from 11.15am.

**All Good Samaritan parish's readers are encouraged to attend.**

**GAMES ON THE LAWN AND 'JAMMING' AT ST JOHN'S—THIS SUNDAY**

Games on the Lawn" is **this** Sunday November 3rd after the 10.45am at St Johns with refreshments in the Parish Hall - all welcome to join in which ever part suits!! **Also our young adults** will be 'jamming' in the top room. This is not of the sticky type but the blending of harmonious voices in modern song with an odd guitar or two accompanying - check it out!

**CATENIAN LADIES NIGHT—AN INVITATION**

Burnley Catenians will be holding their Annual Ladies' Night Dinner Dance at Nelson House on Friday 15 November 19.00 for 19.30. Three course meal plus cheese and DJ entertainment £36. A black-tie event. Menu and booking details from Peter Nuttall email: [pandmnuttall@hotmail.com](mailto:pandmnuttall@hotmail.com) or 0754 626 1012

**WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE**

If you are likely to be effected by the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance, please check if you might qualify for Pension Credit, which would mean you can get the Allowance. It isn't simple to check but Age UK (0800 678 1602) and Citizens' Advice (0808 278 7975) will help you check it out. Do remember it is your entitlement, paid for by your lifetime taxes, not a charitable donation.

**KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS**

The KSC will hold a quiz every Monday starting at 8.00pm, in St Mary's parish Rooms. Entrance fee of £2 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome.



**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Lilian Wells, Cecilia Pearson, Renee Fletcher, Jacquie Devlin, Fr Brendan Curley, David Rogers, Maureen Howarth, Monsignor John Challoner, Monsignor Peter Walton, John Morgan, Scott Moyulden.

**In Memoriam:** Tressa Byrom

**Other Intentions:** Sick friends and family, Mr and Mrs J Kilday ,

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Tracey, Henry Gaughan, Eileen Gorton, Ann Gorton,

**Birthday Memoriam;** Philip Guilfoyle.



### KSC CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The ever-popular annual concert this year will be held in St John's Parish Hall on Friday 6th December at 8.00pm. It will feature top guitarist / vocalist Reece Thomas, back by popular demand. It's an evening to bring your own drinks (and food), tea and coffee available. Book early to avoid disappointment - tickets just £5.00 are available from Ray: 07940 2600 34, Trevor: 07526014568; or Bernard 07800867554. Raffle prizes welcome, please.

### MATCH DAY STEWARDS REQUIRED

We have a great team of volunteers who assist Danny with match day parking at St Mary's, which is a major fundraiser for the parish. If you would like to join the team, please contact Fr David.

### BIRTHDAY LUNCH AT ST JOHN'S—INVITATION

Fr Job and Fr David invite you for a pie and peas lunch to mark their joint birthday on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St John's . For catering purposes please tell Lynne 07850048538 if you intend to come along, indicating your preference for Shepherd's Pie or Cheese and Onion pie. There will be a selection of desserts. All are welcome.

### THANK YOU FROM PARISH SVP CONFERENCE

We would like to say thank you to the parish community for the monies recently received from retirement collections. It all helps us continue with our work. Here is where your monies have gone since April 2024. We provided furniture for a new family of five who had been sleeping on the floor due to having no furniture, we including a cot and a buggy for the baby. Electrical good (3) times; Food for the homeless (4); Food shopping for families (7). Monies on fuel cards (3); Non perishable food for the Food Bank. Winter clothes for two children who had outgrown their clothes. This is just a selection of the work that we do as there are many occasions when all that is needed is a visit and a chat.

***Our thanks , as a Parish community, go to the Conference. God bless you and your work***

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER 2024

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

*Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.*



### PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will .continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 23rd October was number **7** Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Tony St Mary's ~ Pat**

**Christ the King ~ Rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### 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 Blessed Trinity College, who have raised **over £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>. **Thank you all!**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Willibrord</i> <b>10.00am Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy of the Diocese at St Mary's</b> <b>NB only one Mass today,</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition from 11.30 to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 9.30am St. Mary's ( <i>In memory of Deceased Members of Knights of St Columba Council 110</i> ) followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.	

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

### Vigil Masses:

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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)</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 (*A recording of the Mass will be available later from Sunday afternoon)
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*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

### MASSES FOR DECEASED BROTHERS OF KSC AND CATENIANS

**The Knights of St Columba** Burnley Council 110 will be holding their Annual Mass for Deceased Brothers at the **9.30 Mass at St Mary's NEXT Saturday 9th November**. All welcome.

**Burnley Catenians** will be holding their Mass for Deceased Brothers at Blessed Trinity College Chapel at 18.30 on Wednesday 13th November. All welcome. Access to the Chapel will be via the car park.

### FOREIGN CURRENCIES, OLD COINS, 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. A parishioner will take these and turn them into cash for the parish. Please support this fundraiser if you can. Thank you.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 26/27 Oct was £ 1237.71, for which many thanks.

**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.**



### Clergy Team

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#### St John the Baptist

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