

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH NOVEMBER 2023 YEAR A



Churches of

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

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The candle we were given on the day of our baptism reminds us of the gift of faith that has been entrusted to us. We are told in the words of the baptism prayer accompanying this ritual: "May you keep the flame of faith alive in your heart so that when the Lord comes you may go out to meet him with all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom". Our baptismal candle is lit from the Paschal Candle so that the gift of faith is lit up in us through the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Those who are wise will treasure this gift of faith in this life as it will be their means of entering into eternal life with God at the end of their earthly lives.



Essentially the way we ensure that the light of our faith does not go out is through love. It is essentially the lamp of love. We need to keep on loving without it being worn out by getting too tired or cynical. For Love to be genuine it does not have to be extraordinary. What makes a lamp keep burning are small droplets of oil.

The droplets that keep the lamp of faith and love burning are essentially the little things we are asked to do each day; being grateful, thoughtful, having time for God, putting other people first, being kind, easy to get on with, helpful, giving people another chance, forgiving, prepared to suffer and prepared to give our all, like Jesus.

In today's Gospel, the Lord who is Wisdom personified gives us the parable of the five wise bridesmaids: This tells us of the need to have the flame of faith kept ever burning brightly because we do not know the hour of the Lord's coming. We must be always prepared so that when the Lord comes, we can enter his Kingdom.

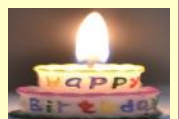
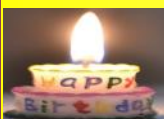
We only get one chance at Heaven in this life. It is a whole lifetime, but it is one for which we have been given the gift of faith. This should be like a lamp which will enable us to clearly see the road ahead with the wisdom of God.

BRASS BAND CONCERT AT ST MARY'S—WITH THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported the lovely concert in St Mary's last Sunday. A very big thank you to the band who gave such a delightful performance for us all. Thanks too to the great team of helpers who served refreshments, baked cakes, donated cakes and raffle prizes, and generally organised the event and made it all work so successfully.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes to Fr David and Fr Job who celebrate their birthdays on the same day in the coming week. Happy Birthdays!!



FR BENJAMIN GARBA

As already advised, Fr Benjamin will be with us for another week or so prior to taking up a new Appointment as Assistant Priest at St Bernard's parish, Burnage in South Manchester. Please keep him in your prayers during this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Vincent Naylor, Peter Sharrocks, Bernard Smith, Clare Poole., Anthony Whipp, Clare Poole,

Other ints; Catherine Willis,

Anniversaries: Joseph Scanlan, Ann Gorton, Eileen Gorton, Philip Walsh, Joan Niven., Gertrude Stewart, Peter John Mason, Steven Greenwood, Patrick Nicholls, Kevin Patrick Nicholls, Joan Niven, Mary Coupe,

In Memoriam: Deceased members of the Kilday family, Holy Souls, deceased members of the Ryan and Nelson families.,

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.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

This year the St John Vianney Mass for the deceased priests of the Diocese will be celebrated at St Mary's, Clayton le Moors at 7pm on Tuesday 14th November. It will be followed by light refreshments for all present. All are welcome.

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 8th November was number **24**. Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ PH

St Mary's ~ Teresa

Christ the King ~ Kath

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.

MONDAY MORNING AT ST. MARY'S

Tea and toast will be served in the parish rooms after 9.30am Mass on Mondays. This will be organised by the Legion of Mary who will commence their weekly meeting at 10.30am in the adjacent Newman Room. All are welcome.



"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. This will be held in St Mary's parish rooms at 12.30pm (after the midday Mass).. Next session is on Friday 8th Dec.

NEWS ABOUT MARK MCGEEHAN

Mark is the seminarian from our parish who is currently in his third year at Oscott College in Birmingham and in his fourth year of formation. He is always so generous with his time for the parish when he is home during the vacations. We are delighted to hear that he has just been accepted to be accepted as a Candidate for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. This "candidacy" Mass will take place at the seminary on Tuesday 21st November. Fr David will represent the parish at this special occasion. Mark should be eligible to be ordained as a deacon at the end of his 5th year at Oscott and as a priest at the end of his 6th year. Please continue to keep Mark in your prayers during this important time in his formation.



CAFOD NEWS—32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 continuing to come out of Israel and Gaza. CAFOD has worked with its partners in the region for many years and is currently in close contact with them to assess how best to provide support when it is safe to do so. 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>

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023 - 2024 THE BIG LISTEN

Thanks to the parish team for organising our big listen. 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.

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024



Sinead Donohue spoke at Masses last weekend to encourage young adults (aged 18+) to consider volunteering as helpers at the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in France as part of the newly formed St John Vianney Deanery Lourdes Group. Sinead will be inviting those interested to a gathering with pizza and cake at St Mary's Parish Rooms at 6.30pm on Friday 24th November.

WILLY WONKAS AFTERNOON TEA—WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER @ 12:30PM

Taking place as usual in St. Mary's Parish Rooms. Please contact Elaine on 01282 413127 to book your place or after each Sunday Mass at St. Mary's at 10.00am at the back of church. Tickets will be issued on payment. All are welcome.

Payments will be gratefully received by 19th November so that food can be ordered as this is an extremely busy time.

GOOD SAMARITAN SVP HOUSEBOUND MASS

The Advent Housebound Mass will be held in St John's Parish Hall on Saturday 9th December at 12 noon. As previously it is an open invitation across the parish for all who are housebound or with limited mobility to attend. The SVP will provide transport if needed. Call Maria on 07929256406. Following the mass we will have our usual Christmas party and raffle.

CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATIONS

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE ALONE

Following on from the success of providing Christmas lunch last year for those who would otherwise have been on their own, thanks to Fr David and our splendid volunteers, we're going to have another this Christmas!



If you – or someone you know – would otherwise be alone this Christmas but would prefer a bit of company, please get in touch with Mike Morris on 07563998334 or email him on website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk But hurry – places are limited and we regret we have to offer them on a strictly first come, first served basis.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH BURNLEY CATENIANS

Burnley Catenians are holding their Christmas meal, followed by Carols, at 8pm on Wednesday 13th December at Nelson House, Nelson Sq. Burnley and would like to extend an invitation to any Parishioner who would like to join us on the night.

A three-course festive meal, followed by coffee and mints, is on offer along with a free raffle. All for only £20 per person. Following the meal there will be Carols led by our own Peter Marsland. If you would like to come along please contact Mick Armfield on 07591249211 or at marmfield@hotmail.co.uk before 1st December.



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!
- ◆ **St. John's Christmas Hamper Raffle** - come and try your luck! It's stuffed full of lots of lovely Christmas food drink and treats. Tickets are £1 each and available from St John's after Mass. All proceeds to parish funds.

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 13TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	12.00 noon St. John's
Wednesday	<i>St. Albert the Great</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St. John's
Thursday	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00 St. John's
Friday	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i> 12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am	
Saturday	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's 12.15pm Bereavement Mass at St. John'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>Thirty-Third 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)

You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works. Pope Francis

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.



Stay with us
Lord on our
Journey

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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