

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10TH NOVEMBER 2024 YEAR B

### Churches of

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



The two small coins given by the widow in today's Gospel were nothing to the rich donors, but they represented a significant part of the widow's meagre resources. Jesus sees the value of the offering in terms of its value to the person who gives it, not its absolute value. The rich did not have to go without anything as a result of making their donations; the widow would have had to give up something which was a necessity in order to make her donation. When Jesus observes that the widow gave more than anyone else, he is speaking I think, of the love for God which she has shown. It is that total trust in God to provide for her that touches Jesus. In many ways it doesn't matter to her what happens to her, she knows she is right with God. In noticing this powerful act of the widow, Jesus reiterates his teaching elsewhere, that God knows



every detail of our lives, so that even our tiniest acts get noticed by God.

On the Cross we will see that same generosity and trust in the Father from Jesus. By making himself weak and vulnerable, Jesus allows himself to be handed over to those who want to kill him, by giving his very self on the cross and showing total trust in His Father.

Grateful people remember the goodness and generosity of others and what they have done. Ungrateful people forget the kindness and generosity of others and of course God too. In the coming week, in reflecting on the courage and trust of the widow in today's Gospel, let us consider how trusting we are in God's Word. We are asked to be grateful people, to remember the generosity and courage of others and to be as generous as we can possibly be in our giving and our trust in God to provide for us.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS - PARISH MEETINGS

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 3 Enabling Access ~ 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 second session on 9th November 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 third theme; "enabling access" are now available from the back of each church. Our parish session to consider this theme will take place at St John's Parish Hall on Thursday 21st November at 6pm.

All are welcome.

### SVP PARISH HOUSEBOUND MASS—NEXT SATURDAY

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.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.....

*"I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord." [Romans]*



### A CALL FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION—FOR EVERYONE

#### 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.

**PLEASE 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**

### WINTER WARMER BRASS BAND CONCERT

St Mary's church will once again host the BMP Goodshaw Brass Band brass band on Sunday 1st December at 2.00pm. They will play a programme of mixed music from classical, hymns and the shows, and Bach to the Beatles. It's free admission, with a collection and raffle with proceeds shared with the band and the parish. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy an afternoon to relax, enjoy the music, with friends old and new.

### CAFOD NEWS 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.

### 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, , Jacqui Devlin, Fr Brendan Curley, Monsignor John Challoner, Monsignor Peter Walton, David Rogers, John Morgan, Dominic Bythell, Sheila Tomlinson.

**In Memoriam:** Mary Fleming, deceased members of the Fleming family.

**Other Intentions:** Donor's intentions, Margaret Ann Smith, Charles Collins.

**Birthday Memoriam:** Mick Campion.

**Anniversaries:** Joan Niven, Cyril Minihan, Robert Whittle, Anthony White, Philip Walsh, Irene Haygarth. Mary Coupe, David and Stephen Yousef



## KSC CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The ever-popular annual concert, organised by KSC, 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 FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Thanks to all those who have booked to come to the lunch at St John's Parish hall on 17th November to mark the joint birthday of Fr Job and Fr David. We are closing bookings at 9pm on 10th Nov.

## 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 goods (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 6th November was number **17** Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Helen**

**St Mary's ~ Trevor**

**Christ the King ~ Mary**

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 11TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**Please note the changes this week**

- Monday** *St Martin of Tours*  
**11am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Jacqueline Devlin RIP**
- Tuesday** *St Josaphat*  
**10.45am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Dominic Bythell RIP**  
12 Noon Mass at St John's,
- Wednesday** *Weekday*  
**9.15am Christ the King**  
**10.30am Funeral Service at St Mary's for John Morgan RIP**  
7.00pm St John's
- Thursday** *Weekday*  
**9.30am Mass at St John's**      **5.45pm Mass at St Mary's**
- Friday** *St Albert the Great*  
**12 Noon Requiem Mass for Lilian Wells RIP at St Mary's preceded at 11.15am until 11.40am with Reconciliation and Exposition at St Mary's**
- Saturday** *St Margaret of Scotland*  
9.30am St. Mary's followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.,  
**12.15pm Parish housebound Mass St John's Parish Hall**
- Vigil Masses:** 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition  
6.30pm St Mary's
- Sunday** *Thirty-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  
(\*A recording of the Mass will be available later from Sunday afternoon)

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

**Burnley Catenians** will hold 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.

**Exposition**

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

**FOREIGN CURRENCIES, PENNIES, 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 2/3 Dec was £ 1481.59, for which many thanks.

**Clergy Team**

Parish Priest: Fr David Featherstone      St Mary of the Assumption      01282 422007  
Assistant Priest Fr Job Zirra

**Parish email:** [djfeatherstone@outlook.com](mailto:djfeatherstone@outlook.com)

**Newsletter email:** [itemsforfrank@gmail.com](mailto:itemsforfrank@gmail.com)

**Parish website:** [www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](http://www.goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)

**website email:** [website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk)

**Christ the King**

Healey Mount  
BURNLEY BB11 2QJ

**St Mary of the Assumption**

3 Todmorden Road  
Burnley BB10 4AU

**St John the Baptist**

Bracewell St  
Burnley BB10 1TB