

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH 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

In our lives we are given many gifts by God and we are asked to use them for the benefit of one another and for the greater glory of God. I find it powerful as an adult when people recognise something I have as a gift; because I remember for many years when I was growing up not having great self-esteem and feeling, unlike others I didn't have anything I was obviously much good at. Like myself, for many of us, our real gifts do not emerge until we are older and can then have the confidence to work on them and enhance them. However, our gifts need to be not just recognised by ourselves but acknowledged, encouraged and appreciated by others.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Talents, whereby three people are entrusted with talents, which are very valuable coins. At the end of the parable the master asks each of them to show what they have done with what they were given. Two of them had used them well and were

pleasing to the Master, because they had made something of what they had been given. We are asked to make something of ourselves by using what we have been given to

bring joy to others. We are to make life that little bit less unbearable for people who are suffering. We are to show courage at times of great challenge. We are to give our all in order to bring out the best in ourselves and others and we are to be utterly selfless in our giving and in our approach to life.

At the end of our lives, we will each be asked to give an account to God of what we have made of our lives. The way that we can be most pleasing to God is to live a life of loving service to one another by being driven by our Christian faith to lovingly and generously use our gifts for the benefit of others. The most important thing we want to be able to tell the Lord is that we have tried to make a difference with the gift of our faith and our life.

FR BENJAMIN GARBA

Fr Benjamin will take up a new appointment as Assistant Priest at St Bernard's parish, Burnage in South Manchester. We are very grateful for the kindness, energy, enthusiasm and loving support he has shown at all times since he arrived in Burnley. He has very fond memories of his brief time with us. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of transition.

Knights of St Columba Christmas Cracker

The Knights support two local charities – Holly Grove School and the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship. To help with this they present their annual Christmas Cracker at the KSC Club on Friday 8th December starting at 8.00pm featuring top vocalist Reece Thomas. An evening of entertainment amongst friends – come and join the fun for good causes. Tickets are £6 including light refreshment, available from Bernard (07800 867 554 or Pat (07947 151 931).



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Vincent Naylor, Peter Sharrocks, Bernard Smith, Clare Poole, Pauline Martland, Patricia Wilson, Alan Standen, Anthony Whipp.

Anniversaries: Shaun Gaughan, Evelyn Towey, Frances Hartnett, David and Stephen Yousef.

Birthday Memoriam: Dugie Clegg, Cyril Minhan, Irene Moore,

In Memoriam: Patrick and Celia Moss, Kevin Francis Moss, James McKune, Holy Souls, Deceased members of the Ryan and Nelson family, Holy Souls, Deceased members of the Ryan and Nelson families.

Others: For a good recovery and successful operation results. A successful operation.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

Thanks to those who attended the Deanery Mass for the deceased priests of the Diocese at St Mary's last Tuesday. As Rural Dean, Fr David is very grateful to the support he received from a good number of the priests and parishioners.

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 15th November was number **4**



Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Linda. St Mary's ~ Kath . Christ the King ~ Mike

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). The next meeting will be Friday 8th.

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—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Campaigns Update – Pope Francis has announced he will be attending the global UN climate conference COP28 in Dubai this month. He's called for political leaders at the COP28 talks to prevent the climate crisis from causing even greater tragedies for communities that have contributed least to causing it. We can support his message by asking our MP to act on the Pope's call. To take part just follow the link: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/137965/action/1>

CAFOD's World Gifts – Christmas is fast approaching, but don't worry CAFOD have the best unusual presents for your friends and family that can make a real difference to people living in poverty. World Gifts are CAFOD range of gifts that help those families in most need across the world. For each gift you buy this Christmas, you will receive a beautiful gift card to pass on to your loved one. For the latest selection visit the CAFOD website or pick up a brochure at the back of our three parish churches: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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 recently 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. We invite those interested to a gathering with pizza and cake at **St Mary's Parish Rooms at 6.30pm**

this 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 Day 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.



GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH WINTER WARMER AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Sunday December 17th (after the 10:45am Mass) you are invited to the parish rooms where we will be serving tea and coffee, bacon and sausage butties and home-made cakes, all provided for a small donation. Youngsters will be entertaining us with popular songs and you can try your hand at Tombola.

To conclude this event Fr David and Maria Boys will draw the winning raffle ticket for the food hamper. 2nd prize is a bottle of gin and 3rd prize is a bottle of fizz so come along and show your support. All profits to parish funds.

Any youngsters from across the parish who would like to join in the entertainment are very welcome and we will be very grateful to anyone who would like to help in anyway by donating tombola prizes, baking cakes or helping in anyway please contact Margaret for further information on 07751 025178.

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 20TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 26TH 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	Only one Mass today
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St. John's
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00 St. John's
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am	
Saturday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's Vigil Masses:	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's
Sunday	<i>Christ the King</i> Christ the King: St Mary's: St John's:	9.15am and 5.00pm 10.00am (This Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website). 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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