

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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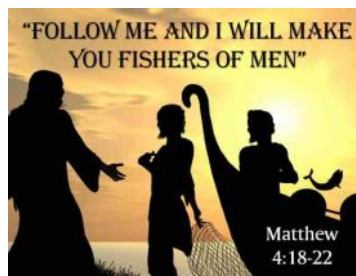
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND JANUARY 2023 YEAR A



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel we see Jesus settling in Capernaum and the first thing he does is seek companions which is a natural and human thing to do. In calling the fishermen he is also preparing for the fulfilment of his mission as it is on these four men and 8 others that God's rescue mission will be founded. It's worthy of note that that 33% of the apostles should be fishermen from Galilee. Fishermen, perhaps have qualities that even on paper measure up to what he was looking for to bring his mission. They have to be strong characters, courageous, prepared to suffer and naturally be faith-filled people who believe and trust in God for their livelihood. So they have a lot to offer but they also have a lot to give up too. Just as he does today, so in the calling of the first disciples, he graciously offers an invitation to those whom he wants to serve him. He offers them a purpose, he promises his faithfulness and he promises them salvation. So we are told; "At once, leaving everything, they followed Him." They had



plenty to leave behind; a livelihood, a business, a family, stability, some control over their lives. They were ready to move out of their comfort zones to join this itinerant preacher. Whatever happened to them, they were moved somehow to respond, because it was the work of God and something within them told them that it was. We too are called to follow the Lord in our own lives. As people of faith, we are called to realise and trust that The Lord is at work today. We are constantly in his veiled presence. Just as he called the fishermen and used their natural gifts and qualities, he will use ours too. Like them we too must simply each day say yes to his invitation to follow him. To follow him means putting into practice his teachings and putting service of Jesus and one another at the centre of our very being. It also means putting into God's hands all our gifts, talents, our time, and we know that whenever we are generous with God he will always give it back to us many times over.

FR DAMIEN LOUDEN

Thanks to all those who contributed to Fr Damien's gift from the parish which resulted in us presenting him with a cheque for £1500 at his last Mass in Burnley on Tuesday. He is very grateful for this gift which was all part of how he has been received during his time in Burnley. Thanks also to those who from across the parish attended the wonderful concelebrated Mass on Tuesday followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms. Fr Damien arrived at his new parish on Wednesday and requests we keep him in our prayers while he settles in.

From Fr Damien

"I would like to thank you all for the kindness and generosity shown to me during my time here at the parish of The Good Samaritan, I have really enjoyed being here and sharing in the life of this wonderful community. I will always remember you in my prayers and would ask for yours as I move to the parish of St. Joseph's Reddish. With my sincere gratitude Fr. Damien"

MASS INTENTIONS

Other Intentions: Fr Damien Loudon, for the successful operation of a friend, Special intention, intentions of Tressa Byrom,

Lately Dead: Bridie O'Hara, Jean Robinson, Peter Jackson, , Eileen Conlan, Sr Cecily Boulding, James Spedding, Margaret Buckley, Michael Skinner, Sr Rita, Mark Nicholls, Bob Perry, Cassie Mulkerrin, Owen Sweeney,

In Memoriam: Thomas Langton.



Birthday Memoriam: William Kelly.

Anniversaries: Bob Smith, Thomas Smith, James Burns, Martin Frazer, Kathleen Marshall, Sarah Langton, Robert Greenall, Alan Beckett, Michael Horrocks

CARITAS SUNDAY —29TH JANUARY 2023

NEXT weekend there will be a brief presentation at the Masses (28th and 29th Jan) about Caritas and to appeal for support for their continued work. There will be a retiring collection after each mass and donation envelopes will be available at the back of church. Donations may also be made by texting SUNDAY to 70580 or by visiting the website at www.caritassalford.org.uk. Thank you.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023



We are now able to proceed with the Parish Sacramental programme for our Year 3 children. The initial information meeting for parents only will be held at **St Marys church at 6.30pm on Tuesday 31st January**. During this information meeting, we will outline your child's Sacramental journey. This meeting will also allow parents to book their time slot for the next meeting which will be a "one to one" individual family



meeting with Fr David and one of the catechists. You will also receive full details of all further meetings and celebrations during your "one to one" session. All of these "one to one" meetings will take place at St Mary's presbytery on the following dates;

Mon 6th February for St John's 6.15pm to 8pm

Tues 7th February for Christ the King 5.30pm to 8pm

Thurs 9th February for St Mary's 5.30 to 7.30pm

PARISH COACH TRIP TO OSCOTT (PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION)

Mark McGeehan, our seminarian has invited us to spend an afternoon at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, as part of a college initiative called "Parish Sunday". The day will comprise afternoon tea on arrival at the College, a tour of the college by Mark and other seminarians and culminates in joining the Community for solemn Vespers in the college chapel. This will take place on Sunday 12th February. A coach has been booked **leaving** at:



12.00 noon from St John's 12.10pm from St Mary's 12.20 from Manchester Road near Christ the King

Please arrive early for speedy boarding. We hope to be back in Burnley by 9pm. Places are limited so please book early to ensure you get a place. The cost of the whole experience is £20 per person. If interested, **please contact Lynne tel 078 500 48538**

**POPE FRANCIS'
INTENTION FOR
JANUARY 2023**

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and, above all, helping the youngest and most vulnerable .



KSC WEEKLY QUIZ There's a Quiz every Monday evening starting at 8.30pm in the KSC 110 Club. Come and join the fun—come as a team or join a team when you arrive.

CAFOD NEWS

Happy New Year — New Year, new resolutions? Have you ever thought of becoming a CAFOD volunteer or joining the parish CAFOD group? If you have, please have a chat with one of our existing members, Anne Marie Coppock, Paul Carney or Dominic Aunger in the parish or email/call: dominic.aunger@btinternet.com / 07999 512102. **Date for Your Diary** — This year CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day falls on Friday 3rd March. More details to follow. **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk** — During Lent CAFOD is encouraging individuals, families, friends, parishes and schools to get involved in "The Big CAFOD / Lent Walk". Why not challenge yourself and try just 3—5 km every day especially in Lent; our parks are lovely in springtime. Help raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Choose a goal that suits you, and get family and friends to make it a daily fun event!. For more details just visit: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

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.**



MASSSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 23RD JANUARY TO SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 2023

Please note. There are significant changes from the usual schedule this week.

- Monday** *Weekday*
9.30am Funeral Mass for Jean Robinson (RIP) at St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
- Tuesday** *St Francis De Sales*
10am Funeral Mass for Eileen Conlan (RIP) at St Mary's,
1.15pm Funeral Mass for James Spedding (RIP) at St John's
- Wednesday** *Conversion of St Paul*
9.30am Christ the King **Only one Mass today**
- Thursday** *Ss Titus and Timothy*
9.30am Mass at St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
12.30pm Funeral service at St John's for Margaret Buckley, RIP
- Friday** *St Angela Mercici*
9.30am Mass at St Mary's **NB no Confessions today.**
- Saturday** *St Thomas Aquinas*
9.30am St Mary's
10.30am to 11.30am — Reconciliation and Exposition at St Mary's
5.15pm to 5.55pm — Reconciliation and Exposition at St John's
Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's
6.30pm St Mary's
- Sunday:** ***FOURTH 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



Exposition

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

OBLATES OF ST JOSEPH

We are very grateful to Fr Peter and Fr Stephen who will be helping out in the parish over the next few weekends. They are Oblates of St Joseph based at St Wulstan's in Great Harwood. They have helped us out a few times already and we know you will make them most welcome.

NELSON SECRET SINGERS—AN INVITATION

The Singers are of all abilities, sharing songs in rounds, four part harmonies - with fun - and its only week three!!! Several members of the Good Samaritan Parish family are involved so you will see a familiar face if you are free to join in. It's Thursdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Christchurch Nelson. Interested? - our Parish contact is Maria Boys 07929 256406

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

If you know someone who 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.



FOODBANK

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 £13,000 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 letterbox. Donations for December totalled £105. Our parish SVP has also generously donated £50.

Enormous thanks to everyone for their generosity

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