

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

11TH MAY 2025 YEAR C



### Churches of

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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. In today's Gospel the Lord speaks: "my sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me". Jesus is speaking all these words before his death and resurrection, but he knows for certain they will be fulfilled. Throughout his ministry he called people to follow him ~ he called his apostles and disciples, and he asks them to follow him then he sends them out, he sends them on a mission.



faithfully called from the people, priests and religious to be missionaries and to bring his message of God's love and the promise of eternal life to a world increasingly needing to receive that

message of hope. On this day of prayer for vocations, we simply pray today that the ones Lord calls to serve his people in the Church will hear his voice and have the humility, trust and courage to respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

The Church has always been on a journey since its foundation by the Apostles. It has always found itself moving forward despite at times having to face turbulent conditions. This has been possible because Jesus the Risen Lord and Good Shepherd has continued to be faithful to his Church as he is today. He has always provided for his flock, like a shepherd. He has

Jesus also says in today's Gospel that those who follow him will be given eternal life, and they will never perish. If we want to respond to this invitation, we are to listen to the voice of the Good which we hear in the Gospel and be obedient to the Lord through our generous response to the teachings of his Holy Church.

### SVP EASTER HOUSEBOUND MASS

Will be held in the Parish Hall of St John's **this** Saturday May 17th at 12.15pm, followed by our usual lunch and a natter. This invitation is extended across the parish to anyone who is housebound, disabled, lonely or would just like to come young and old, you are welcome. Transport can be provided to and from if needed. Contact Maria 07929256406 or Klaus 07977913092

### PARISH EASTER EGGSTRAVANGA

The Easter Eggstravaganza was a 'cracking' event and thanks to all from across the parish for the support in many ways - £426 raised!! Special mention to our gang of youngsters who paraded their beautifully decorated Easter hats and they were in turn delighted to each receive an Easter Egg - Thank you!! One raffle prize unclaimed—white116.



### PARISH IN COUNCIL MEETING

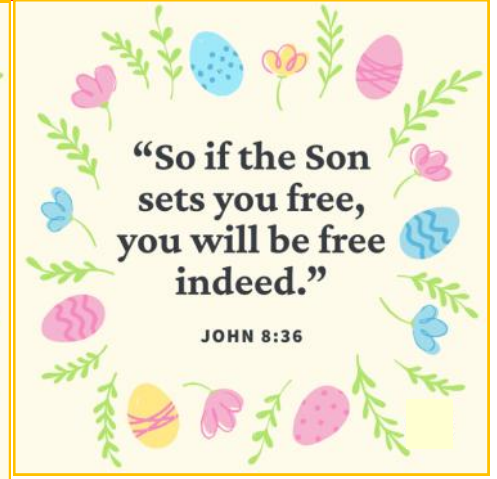
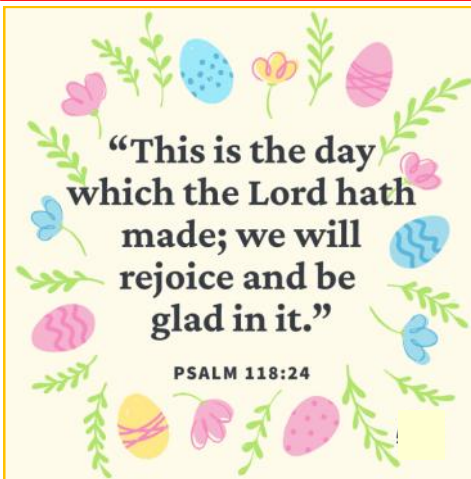
Thanks to all who came to the parish meeting on Thursday. Minutes will shortly be available for all who came.

### ANGELS AND DEMONS

Burnley Municipal Choir are performing Elgar's choral masterpiece The Dream of Gerontius at Burnley Mechanics on Sunday 18th May at 7pm. Based on the poem by Cardinal (now Saint) Newman it charts the epic journey from life, through death, to wonders beyond our imagination. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the thrill and power of live choral music. Tickets from the Mechanics, 01282 664400, or pay on the door.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We continue to enjoy working with the young people as they prepare for this important landmark in their Christian journey.



### ST. JOHN'S MISSIO RED BOXES – THANK YOU

In 2024 The Parish of the Good Samaritan (St. John's) raised the wonderful sum of £1,300.44 through the red box collections. Your pennies and prayers have helped and supported those in need around the world. Renewed thanks.



### CAFOD NEWS— 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 11TH MAY 2025

**CAFOD Partners from Colombia Visit Diocese** - This Tuesday 13th May, at Our Lady of Dolours, 500 Bury New Road, Kersal, Salford, M7 4ND - 7.30 p.m. there will be a great opportunity to learn more about how your donations make a difference. CAFOD will be welcoming visitors from one of CAFOD's Colombian partners, SIEMBRA. SIEMBRA is a non-governmental organisation which supports human rights and environmental defenders and this visit will focus on raising awareness on the case of the Atrato River, which flows through Colombia's Pacific rainforest - one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. If you wish to attend and want more details contact Dominic on 07999 512102.

**Lent Family Fast Day** – the parish CAFOD group wish to sincerely thank everyone for their generous contributions to CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day appeal. As a parish we donated an amazing **£2,172.99**. Thanks also to Fr David for allowing us to make the appeal.

### BOOKS OF CONDOLENCE

A Book of Condolence has been placed in Salford Cathedral's temporary church for people to pay their respects. An online Book of Condolence, created by CathCom, is available on the Salford Diocese website.

There is also a second online Book of Condolence from the Bishops Conference available on their website.

### PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV, THE SUCCESSOR OF POPE FRANCIS

*O God, who chose your servant Leo XIV, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Dempsey, Rose Jackson, Mavis Hitchen, Terrence Walne, Pope Francis, Margaret Dillon, Douglas Pierce, Ann Buttery.

**Anniversaries:** Thomas and Jean Neale, Winifred Gregson, Kathleen Kinsella, Mary McLaughlin.

**Other Intentions:** Steph Harvey and family, 40th Birthday, Helen Conway, Sr Teresa Ronan (Platinum Jubilee), Sr Sarah Dever FMSJ

**In Memoriam:** John Whittaker, parents, friends, family.



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

Our next quiz night will be on **Monday 12th May at 8pm** in St Mary's parish rooms.



## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS—24TH MAY 2025 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC CHARITY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN BURNLEY

The Knights would invite and welcome everybody to join them in celebrating their Centenary Anniversary on Saturday 24th May, The events are:

**Evening Mass of celebration** at 5.30pm at St Mary's church. Bishop John Arnold has honoured the centenary as Celebrant of this Mass.

**A three-course meal at Turf Moor** and entertainment with fantastic artist Sean Middleton. Tickets are selling fast and are £20per person!

If you are interested please contact a Brother or Grand Knight Tom Wilkinson for more information: Mobile: 0789112951 Email: [grand-knight-council110@ksc.org.uk](mailto:grand-knight-council110@ksc.org.uk) .



## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY SERVICE

There will be a Churches Together in Burnley Service at St Mary's on Pentecost Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm.

## Prayer for Leo, our Pope.



*May the Lord protect him and grant him length of days. May the Lord be his shield and deliver him from all harm. May the Lord give him happiness and peace all the days of his life. Amen*



## BURNLEY CATENIANS CURRY NIGHT

Parishioners are invited to join them at the Usha Restaurant for the curry night on Wednesday 21 May. 18:30 for 19:00. Cost £14.95 for the Banqueting Menu. Bookings to Phil Needham [philipjohn1987@idoud.com](mailto:philipjohn1987@idoud.com) 0753 599 8706

## A Statement from Bishop John Arnold on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

We offer our prayers, especially in these early days, for Pope Leo XIV as he becomes the shepherd and guide of the Universal Church in the modern world. In his opening statement, we heard of Pope Leo's tribute to Pope Francis and his desire for peace and solidarity and the need to create unity through the building of bridges. In taking the name of Leo, he is clear in the pursuit of upholding the dignity and rights of every human being and the mission of the Church in every aspect of our daily lives. In a world that faces so many global challenges, may he be an advocate for peace and a voice promoting care for our common home and our God-given dignity. May we follow his example in taking up our own unique mission as we work together to build up the Kingdom of God in our world today.

Rt Rev John Arnold Bishop of Salford



## PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 7th May was number **20**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Jill    St Mary's ~ Theresa    Christ the King ~ Patricia**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 12TH MAY TO SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>SS Nereus and Achilleus</i> 9.30am St Mary's		<b>EXPOSITION:</b> There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12 Noon St John's	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Matthias</i> 9.30 Christ the King	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB Only one Mass today</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass preceded from 11.30am to 11.55am with Exposition and Reconciliation.		
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am 12.15pm Easter Housebound Mass in St John's parish hall		
<b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b> 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 should be available later from Sunday afternoon)		

### 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.

### Good Shepherd Sunday - Prayer for Vocations

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we invite you to join us in praying for priestly vocations to our diocese as we say: Heavenly Father, in the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to priestly life. Mould their hearts, Lord, after the Sacred Heart of your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 3rd/4th May was £1,217.38, for which many thanks.

### FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, OLD ENGLISH COINS AND NOTES, 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. The parish has received over £500 from what has already been raised. Thank you.

#### Clergy Team

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