

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7TH MAY 2023

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FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking at the Last Supper to his disciples and among his powerful words He tells them that He is the Way to the Father's House. In telling Philip that to have seen him is to have seen the Father, Jesus shows what the invisible God the Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone and calling us home.

We should all pray for a deeper faith in the person of Jesus, our Lord and our God. To make Jesus "Our Way" in life means we are to put his teachings into practice in our daily life. Therefore the way to the Father's house is the way of Jesus. His way is a way of love, service,



faith, commitment and mercy. We should also be confident about the continuing presence of the Risen Lord Jesus in his Church, whom as we heard last week continues to be faithful to his spouse by raising up shepherds and leaders for his flock.

Let us all strive to be servant-like, humbly carrying out acts of kindness to help each other, having a life founded on prayer and a good relationship with the Risen Christ. We are to model our lives on Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. We are also to be people like Our Lord who serve; this calls for a spirit of cheerfulness in generosity and willingness to give our time and our love.

MASS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND



The SVP Conference of the Good Samaritan Parish are holding a Mass for the housebound on **Saturday May 20th** at 12 noon in St John's parish hall. It will be celebrated by Fr Job and Fr Benjamin.

As previously it is an open invitation across the parish for those who would like to attend. A light lunch will be served afterwards. Transport can be provided if required but you will need to let us know either ring 07929256406 or email mariaboys46@gmail.com with your name, address and contact number.

SAMARITAN SUMMER SIZZLER

This is an invite for all to gather at St Johns on Sunday July 9th from 12noon onwards - What is it?? That depends on what talents we have across the Parish - contact Margaret P 07751 025178 or picklesmargaret@yahoo.com - to offer any ideas/help - it might be refreshments, entertainment - dance, sing, comedy?! - games for the younger end and young at heart etc. **We shall also have an initial sharing of ideas during the tea/coffee gathering after the 10.45am mass on Sunday May 14th - All Welcome.** Let's have fun together! All join in!!



The Good Samaritan WhatsApp is also an easy way to keep in touch - contact Margaret if you'd like to be added.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Bernard Charnock, Pat Quinn, Maria Licastri, Fr Peter Haverty, Eileen Hayhurst, Dorothea Gallacher, Jack Seddon.

Other Intentions: In thanksgiving for 10th birthday, Holy Souls.

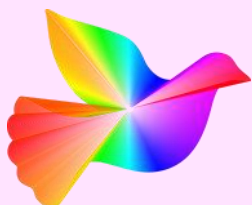
Birthday Memoriam: Harry Giltrow,

Sr Sarah Dever FMSJ

Anniversaries: Francis Carter, Richard Wilson, Ken Gorton, Michael Reynolds, Imelda Hinz,, Ella Heap, Kathleen Kinsella,

Towneley Chapel Candle

Eileen Hayhurst (Lately Dead), Jack Bailey.



PENTECOST CELEBRATION—CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY

Churches together in Burnley are holding a service for all Christians in Burnley at 6.30pm St Peter's church on Pentecost Sunday 28th May.

We are hoping for involvement from our parishioners with the reading and singing. There will be a singing practice at St Peter's **from 5.15pm to 5.50pm** (when there is a cuppa available) for all who are interested in joining in.

Thank you

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

Our next gathering will be on Thursday 18th May from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Parish rooms at St Mary's. Please come along for table tennis, darts, a quiz, a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.

DATES FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SYNOD INFORMATION SESSION— TUESDAY 16TH MAY

Bishop John has announced our Diocesan Synod, inviting us to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community.

To begin this journey, the Department for Formation will hold information sessions to help us find out more the synod and how to get involved. Our local event will be:

Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7pm-9pm
Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU

Further details to follow.

You can read more about our Diocesan Synod at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

Stay with us
Lord on our
Journey

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fri 28th July – Thurs 3rd August 2023

The 89th Pilgrimage, led by Bishop John. Prices start from £819pp sharing and bookings can now be made via Joe Walsh Tours at www.joewalstours.co.uk. For more information, please info@joewalstours.co.uk or call 0808 1890468 and on the diocesan website

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 20th May 2023

Places are available costing £45, with coaches from various areas. Booking forms and further information: call 0161 817 2214 ; email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceserosalford.org.uk, or download a booking form from the Diocesan website

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fr David is inviting parishioners to join him to mark the 30th anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday 11th July. Mass will be celebrated on that day at 6.30pm at St Mary's and will be followed by refreshments at Turf Moor. We need to know numbers for catering purposes so a list will appear soon at the back of each church for those who wish to take part.. More details will be given soon.

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!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The young people have now started their programme of preparation, which will culminate in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop John on Wednesday 14th June at St Mary's.



HOLIDAY COVER FOR LIVE STREAMING—Wanted 2 Hours Per Fortnight at Mass

The live stream is an important link for the spiritual support and connection into the parish community for those who cannot get to Mass. We need to cover holidays for Live Streaming Sunday morning Mass at St Mary's, 2 hours or less once a fortnight from late June to late August. Could you spare 2 hours or less over the summer? If you can use a computer you can do live streaming – we'll show you how! Talk to John or Daniel at Mass or ring Mike on 07929 451 566.

AFTERNOON TEA—CROWNS AND CORONETS!

The popular Afternoon Teas are for all of the people in the parish, and everyone is welcome. It will be in St Mary's Parish Rooms on **Wednesday 24th May 2023 at the new time of 12.00 noon**. The cost will be £8. The theme this time is 'Crowns and Coronets'. There will be a list will be at the back of St Mary's on 6th/7th May or alternatively, especially if you're in the other communities, please ring Elaine on Burnley 413127. All are welcome.



JAMES CAPSTICK IS RUNNING THE LEEDS MARATHON

James, a parishioner at St Mary's will be running the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon on Sunday 14th May in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. Every donation makes a difference. Please see poster and sponsorship form at the back of each church. You can also donate via [Justgiving.com/fundraising/jamescapstick](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamescapstick). Thank you

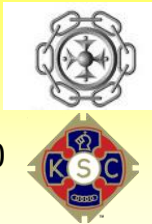
Dear Lord You are the way, the truth and the life.

Lead us, and those who lead us to follow your way of love Lead us, and those who lead us to follow your way of love.
Lead us, and those who lead us to speak your truth of love We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen

RIGHT FOR LIFE SPONSORED WALK



Our local Catenian Association and Knights of St Columba are organising the annual Right to Life Sponsored Walk. It will be on 29th May, (Late Spring) Bank Holiday starting at 1.00pm from St Mary's church car park. It follows a trail mostly in our parish, and ends with refreshments on offer in the KSC 110 club where refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.



BURNLEY CATENIANS CIRCLE CURRY NIGHT—THIS WEEK!



You are invited to join with the Catenians, their families and friends at the Usha Indian restaurant on Wednesday 10th May 2023 starting at 7.00pm. It costs £13.95 per person. Please call Peter Nuttall on 0754 626 1012 to book a place. Everyone welcome

KSC EVENTS



KSC Weekly Quiz: The next Quiz will be on 15th May at 8.30pm. There is a Burnley FC home game on 8th so this one is cancelled. Come and join a team on the night.
Monthly Meeting: Due to the King's Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend, May KSC Council Meeting will now be **on 15 May at 7.30 pm.**

THE ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund which support the training of priests for the Diocese of Salford will remain open for a few more weeks.

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.



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.



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 8TH MAY TO SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 10.00am St Mary's	Only one Mass today	Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's	
Wednesday	<i>St John of Avila</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>Easter Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's	
Friday	<i>Ss Nereus and Archilleus</i> 10.00am Funeral Mass at St John's for Dorothea Gallacher (RIP). 12.00 Noon Mass at St Mary's preceded at 11.55am by Exposition and Reconciliation		
Saturday	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> 9.30am St Mary's followed 10.30am—11.30am by Reconciliation and Exposition 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>Sixth Sunday of Easter</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		

SMALL HOUSE ORGAN AVAILABLE

The organ is a Yamaha Electioneering HC—2. It's in the parish rooms at St Mary's. Delivery can also be arranged. There's no charge for it but a donation would be welcome. Call Andrew on 07745 491 050 to see, hear and arrange things.



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MAY 2023 For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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 £13,374 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 March totalled £30 and the SVP group added another £50.

Enormous thanks to everyone for their generosity

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