

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25TH MAY 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Churches of

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

The passage from the Gospel we hear today offers us a vision of hope. Speaking on the eve of his terrible forthcoming death, Jesus can make a genuine promise to his disciples. The promise is that the Holy Spirit will come and when he does come, he will teach them everything they need to know. The role of the Holy Spirit is also to remind the disciples of what Jesus had taught them.

We are all called to become Christ-like. The Holy Spirit within each of us will urge us to be like Our Lord. This is of course not easy and is quite challenging. Jesus was loving, kind, obedient, merciful, all of which are qualities that we admire and strive for in our personal quest for holiness and eternal life. However, we are to remember that these qualities led to the

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Cross. This road to the Cross for ourselves can lead us to also face challenges and opposition. The gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at Confirmation are always at work in us enabling us to remain faithful, steadfast and make good choices, The Spirit also urges us to look beyond the Cross and look to the glory of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

One of the great fruits of the spirit is peace, of which the Lord, the Master teacher, also spoke in today's Gospel. Peace is knowing the nearness of God even amid chaos, fear and uncertainty. May we all pray for this fruit of the Holy Spirit for all of us. May we know the Lord will always love us deeply and truly desire the very best for each of us.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thurs 29th May is Ascension Day which is Holyday of obligation and Masses are as follows; 9.30am Mass at St John's, 12 Noon Mass at St Mary's, 7pm Mass at Christ the King

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CENTENARY

100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC CHARITY AND SOCIAL ACTION IN BURNLEY



Knights of St Columba
Serving God by Serving Others

As a parish we extend our congratulations and thanks to the Burnley Council 110 of the Knights on this very special occasion.

Their creation of Council 110 was inspired by a BFC footballer newly arrived from Scotland who was a member of the (then) six-year-old organisation which had formed in Glasgow.

Their watchwords are "Faith, Family and Fraternity". They work with our priests to support their ministries in all and any aspect of their work. They promote issues of Catholic importance as another aspect of spiritual development. They are very effective fund-raisers, and have consistently donated to local, national and international charities, for all denominations, and none. They assist families and individuals in need (often alongside the SVP). They support each other in their families, work, and community involvement.

All their work is done in the spirit of informality and friendship and fraternity. They have ambitions to extend the range and nature of their work in a wide range of communities, eg schools and sport. They are keen to bring more Catholic men into their hard-working and friendly activities.

We're keen to develop and expand our activities, and welcome interest from any Catholic man who would like to find out more and possibly join in the work (and the fun!). Contact Tom Wilkinson on 07891124951.

Faith

Family

Fraternity

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Terence Walne, David Loftus, Bernice Morton, William Redmond, Sr Catherine Walsh, Christopher Williston, Frank Day, Bob Yates, Marie Quinn, Mary Dunne, Christopher Quinn,

Anniversaries: Eileen Conlon, Anthony Ford, Mary Mortimer, Harry Giltrow, Mary Jane Waddington, Rosemary Mulrooney, Tom Dacey, Sarah Lalor,

Other Intentions: Fr Frank Smith MHM, Carolyn Vassollo, Special intention.

In Memoriam: Rose Duffield,
Birthday Memoriam; Peggy Guilfoyle , Paul Stoodley,



GAMES ON THE LAWN — NEXT SUNDAY

"Games on the Lawn" with a Chocolate Tombola - that bit might be inside! - will be Sunday June 1st after the 10.45am Mass at St Johns, but open to everyone, with tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle too!! All proceeds to parish funds.

WALK FOR LIFE BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26TH MAY—THIS WEEKEND

The annual walk is a relaxed, fun event. Gather at 1.00pm in St Mary's car park. The Walk is about 6 miles long, going to the canal, Thompson's and Bank Hall Parks, Netherwood, Rowley and back to St Marys. (Map on Sponsor Sheet). Refreshments will be provided during the walk and in the Parish Rooms at the end.

If you plan to join the Walk please take a Sponsor Sheet from the back of church. There is also a sheet in each church for donations of people who wish to support the Right for Life without being on the Walk. Please fill in you details, and we'll let you know next week how to pay your sponsorship.

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.

CAFOD NEWS – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 25TH MAY 2025

CAFOD's work: would you like to be part of it?

In the Lent 'Walk with me' booklet many of us will have read:

"Approximately 735 million people worldwide face hunger daily. 2.4 billion people face food insecurity, meaning they lack regular access to enough safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and an active healthy life. Often the most vulnerable suffer the greatest from hunger - women, the elderly and children. Nearly half of deaths among children under five years of age are linked to malnutrition. God gave the people manna in the desert, and Jesus fed the five thousand.

"There is enough food for everyone. Nourish your commitments to justice so there may be food on the table for the hungry."

CAFOD seeks to alleviate people's suffering through direct development aid, and through its church and other partners. Your generous donations fund CAFOD in such work.

Our parish CAFOD group is keen to welcome new members to continue and expand our work in the parish. If you think would like to get involved, please contact Dominic (07999 512102) or Paul (07973 343054) to have a chat.

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.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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



KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will be on **Monday 26th May at 8pm** in St Mary's parish rooms.



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 . Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Carol St Mary's ~ Janet Christ the King ~ Patricia

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 26TH MAY TO SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025

Please note the changes this week—especially the Saturday Vigil Masses

Monday *St Philip Neri*

9.30am St Mary's

Tuesday *St Augustine of Canterbury*

10.45am Funeral Mass for Terence Walne RIP at St Mary's

12 Noon St John's

Wednesday *Easter Weekday*

9.30 Christ the King

7.00pm St John's

Thursday

ASCENSION THURSDAY—HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.30am St John's

12.00 noon St Mary's

7.00pm Christ the King

Friday *Easter Weekday*

12 Noon Mass preceded from 11.30am to 11.55am with Exposition and Reconciliation.

Saturday *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am

Vigil Masses

6.00pm St John's

6.30pm St Mary's

Sunday ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

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 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (except before Funerals)



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.

ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund supports the formation and education of priests for the Diocese of Salford. The fund will remain open for a further three weeks. 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 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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