

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH FEBRUARY 2023

YEAR A



FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel Jesus affirms that the laws of God are good. He encourages us to keep the Ten Commandments but he asks us to do a bit more too. Most laws are not there to make life difficult for us but to keep us on the right track. Without laws, people would be allowed to do whatever they liked and this would result in disorder and chaos. Jesus pulled up the Scribes and Pharisees for being too legalistic: they were too caught up with keeping the letter of the law that for example, they would not even help someone who needed help if it went against the laws of the Sabbath. Jesus gives us new high standards of course and he speaks of the need for singleness of heart, for purity of intention, that will be pleasing to God who sees deep into our hearts and knows the motivation behind our every word action and thought. Jesus tells us that everything we do should be



done for God and carried out in love and out of love.

In the Gospel, Jesus continues his sermon on the mount. He addresses several moral issues. On the issue of thou shalt not kill,

Jesus calls us to choose to be persons of peace and compassion or to be persons of violence. It is so important to fight every tendency that could result in murder, namely our anger, our hatred, our grudges, our hurts of the past, because they destroy the life of Christ within us. If we do that, we destroy ourselves and our ability to be the best person we can be.

Our Lord challenges us to choose the values of forgiveness, fidelity and honesty at all times. In choosing such values we choose God's wisdom which, in fact transforms us into the best possible person we can be.. Perhaps we can think of someone to forgive or someone who has hurt us so that we will see the difference in our life; in our family; in our work place.

CAFOD URGENT EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. **For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.**

To donate in cash To donate, please place your gift in an envelope marked, "Earthquake Appeal", and put into the collections during our parish Masses

NEW PRIESTS IN THE PARISH

We are delighted to welcome Fr Benjamin and Fr Job who arrived in the parish on Thursday. They are Diocesan priests from the Diocese of Bauchi in Nigeria. They will be based at St John's presbytery but will assist Fr David in serving the whole of the parish. They are currently going through the appropriate safeguarding procedures so they are not yet ready to minister. We will inform you when they are ready to serve. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Peter Jackson, Mark Nicholls, Betty Philips, Eileen Conlan, Anne-Marie O'Neill, Gloria Ezeokoli, Margaret McConnell, Dorothy Perry, Claire Halstead, Marie Hundrup, Bill Turner,

In Memoriam: Rose Duffield. Deceased members of the Blaney family, deceased members of the Carolan family,

Anniversaries: John Burrow, George and Eileen Fletcher, Marie Breslin (1st Ann), Jimmy Carter, John Ford, Frank Donavan,

Other Intentions: Donor's intentions, Birthday, Tressa Byrom's intentions, Christine Hubbersty's intentions, For a sick relative,

PETER HAPGOOD-STRICTLAND'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Rev Peter will be ordained as a priest at Salford cathedral by Bishop John at 12 Noon on **Saturday 25th February**. Anyone requiring transport from Burnley please contact Trevor 07526 014568

NEW YEAR START

If you are seeking to enrich your spiritual life while carrying out your daily commitments, the Associates of the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph would like to welcome you. In the company of others and in the spirit of St Francis of Assisi we seek to deepen our love for God and for the world. For more information and contact details please take a leaflet from the back of church. All are welcome. Email jennyfmsj@gmail.com tel 0161 707 9537

ST JOHN'S TEA DANCE—CANCELLATION

Regrettably, there will be no Tea Dances through all of February at St John's.

A Prayer for Today's Gospel

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

interpret those laws into actions of love, care, and concern for our family, friends, community and in our everyday interactions.

Help those who make and administer our laws to do so with integrity, honesty, and in support of those who most need love in all of the services the law delivers. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Dear Lord and Father

You came to expand on The Law, to make it more relevant to the way we live our lives, to show your love to everyone

Help us to follow your lead, to

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!

KSC CHARITY CONCERT



The Knights will hold a concert in aid of the Catholic Children's Fellowship and Holly Grove School in the KSC 110 club on **Saturday 18th February** at 8.00pm, in the downstairs lounge, starring top vocalist Paul Rafferty songs from across the decades. Tickets £5 incl refreshments—call Trevor on 07526 014 568 or Ray on 07940 260 034, Pat on 07947 151 931. Come and have fun!

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.

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.



'BELOVED DISCIPLES' ~ LENT COURSE IN ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

On Friday 10th March at 12.30pm, in St Mary's parish rooms, we will commence a DVD Course which will run for 4 consecutive weeks. The course is entitled 'Beloved Disciples'.



During the course, you will have the opportunity to respond to Pope Francis's call in the "Joy of the Gospel" when he says: "I invite all Christians throughout the world to pause at this very moment in their lives and allow their hearts to be touched by Christ. Be renewed. I mean this invitation for everyone, and no-one should think they are not invited. Each and every baptised person is therefore called to speak of their faith and invite others to share it".

In our course the talks will cover the following topics:

Week 1: The Autumn of Life

Week 2: Changing your World Week

Week 3: Thy Will be Done

Week 4: The Best is yet to Come

The DVDs feature well-known speakers: David Wells and David Payne.

Each session will last about 90 minutes. The session will consist of tea and coffee on arrival: A DVD talk: sharing in small groups and a short reflection.

So please come along to St Mary's parish Rooms on Friday 10th March, bring a packed lunch and renew your faith. ***Everyone is welcome.***

CAFOD FEBRUARY NEWS

Campaign Action – CAFOD's 'Fix the Food System' campaign enters its next stage and CAFOD are asking us to stand up for small-scale farmers. The World Bank and large agri-business are now trying to restrict the farmers access to seeds and forcing them to buy expensive seeds licensed to the large agri-business companies, To stand in solidarity with them, learn more and sign a petition visit the following link:



<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system>

Congratulations St John's Primary – The parish CAFOD group recently learned that one of our parish primary schools has just been awarded the prestigious **CAFOD LiveSimply Award**. The group, on behalf on the whole parish, want to congratulate the pupils and staff of St John's for their fantastic achievement. St John's school community showed to the LiveSimply assessors that they are living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. We think they all deserve a huge 'virtual' round of applause!

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2023 For Parishes



We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Stay with
us Lord on
our
Journey

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.



SHARING HOPE: DEANERY DAY—NEXT SATURDAY



As part of our Hope in the Future programme, the Diocese of Salford Department for formation is set to host a number of deanery days to help individuals, parishes, and deaneries learn more about the needs in their community and then to prayerfully discern how best to respond with the resources available to them.

The second of our Sharing the Hope Days will have a specific focus on Blackburn and Burnley deaneries and will take place on Saturday 18th February (10am – 2pm) at Our Lady and St John RC High School, Blackburn, BB1 1PY. To find out more and to register, please go to: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/sharing-the-hope-day-2-blackburn-and-burnley-deaneries/ .

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

Please note, there is only one Mass each day, and some other changes Monday—Saturday this week.

- Monday** *Weekday*
12.00 noon at St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
- Tuesday** *Ss Cyril and Methodius*
9.30am at St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
- Wednesday** *Weekday*
9.30am Christ the King **Only one Mass today**
- Thursday** *Weekday*
9.30am at St John's **Only one Mass today**
12.00 noon Funeral Service at St Mary's for Freda Chew (RIP)
- Friday** *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
12.00 noon at St Mary's **Only one Mass today**
- Saturday** *Weekday*
10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Betty Philips. (RIP)

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

Please note there is no Mass Reconciliation or Expositions at St Mary's today

2.00pm Wedding of Sarah Thorne and Lasse Schmieding at Christ the King.

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:** ***SIXTH 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



"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith." ~ Pope Francis

OBLATES OF ST JOSEPH

We are very grateful to Fr Peter and Fr Stephen who will continue to help out in the parish over the next few weekends. They have helped us out a few times already and we know you have made them most welcome and will continue to do so..

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 January totalled £140. Our parish SVP has also generously donated £50.



Enormous thanks to everyone for their generosity

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