

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

### UNIVERSAL KING

24TH NOVEMBER 2024 YEAR B



#### Churches of

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

In the Gospel reading today, Pilate asks Jesus if he is a King. Eventually Jesus admits that he has a Kingdom, but it isn't on earth. Jesus says the reason he was born and came into the world was to testify to the truth.



Throughout his ministry Jesus speaks a lot of the coming of the Kingdom. Unlike ordinary kings, his Kingdom is not temporal ending with death, but instead it is eternal and beginning with his death and resurrection.

There are other such paradoxes in the kingship of Jesus. Ordinary Kings live in palaces and have servants, Jesus had nowhere to lay his head and like a servant himself washed the feet of his disciples. Ordinary kings wear a crown of gold and jewels, the only crown

Jesus wore was made of thorns. Ordinary kings have boundaries to their kingdom, Jesus is the universal king. Jesus is simply the King of Love

Today's Gospel reminds us of what had to happen to

Jesus in order to bring in the Kingdom for us. We each have to work together to create the Kingdom on earth. What can we do to build this kingdom now, even though we know it cannot be complete? How can we bring peace to this world? How can we stop violence, injustice and fear? How can we save lives? How can we bring the truth to the world? As we reflect on the answer to these questions let remember that the answer starts with each of us.

#### DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS - PARISH MEETINGS

Between now and December, we are being asked as a parish to plan and facilitate four "Theme Gatherings", each one exploring a different theme from our Big Listen Report. The remaining theme is:

.. Session 4 Fostering Christ-like Care ~ 6pm 5th Dec at St Mary's parish rooms

Thanks to those who came to the third session on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov and for all that was shared. A summary leaflet for each theme will be available in advance of each session. Please read the leaflets carefully and prayerfully to enable you to participate fully in the theme gathering meetings. The leaflet for the 4<sup>th</sup> theme : "Fostering Christ like care" will be shortly available from the back of each church.

#### CAFOD A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING!

CAFOD's new World Gifts catalogues are now available to collect at the back of our three churches. Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work and you can find your perfect, waste-free Christmas gifts inside. You can also shop for World Gifts via the website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>. If you are able, please consider a World Gift this Christmas. There are gifts for education, farming, health, water and emergencies and they make wonderful presents at Christmas and on other special occasions.

#### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Please keep our parish community of Christ the King in your prayers this week as we celebrate the Patronal Feast Day this weekend.

## ASSISTED DYING BILL— CRUCIAL VOT IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK

### IT NEEDS GOOD PEOPLE TO DO NOTHING, FOR EVIL TO SUCCEED

Philosopher John Stuart Mill, said in 1867 "Let not any one pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, ..... Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, ....., because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject."

### WHAT TO DO

The 'Right to Life organisation is encouraging us to write to our MP, who will support this law, to ask him to change his mind. Our website provides the link, which makes it very easy. Please read the letter. You can send it as it is or change it before you send it to him. **Very simple.** Then it's two or three 'clicks' and the job is done. The moral issues are clear for Catholics, but the added worry is that once available the rules will be relaxed and put old and sick people under pressure.

**THE HEALTH SECRETARY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE COST TO THE ALREADY-OVER-STRETCHED NHS. SENIOR MPs HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN.**

**Many other individuals, medical, academics and charities—those closest to the people this Bill effects do not want this Bill. Many are fearing coercion or excessive persuasion on sick people.**

**The Catholic Bishops in England, Wales and Scotland oppose the Bill for both religious and moral reasons, arguing for investment in well-funded end of life care.**

*"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions"* **Pope Francis**

**PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THIS FOR 'SOMEONE ELSE' TO DO! YOUR VOICE COUNTS.**

### ADVENT MARKET AT ST JOHN'S—NEXT SUNDAY

An "Advent Market" presented by Dove Court Nursing Home is taking place in St Johns Parish Hall on Sunday December 1st. There are many stalls including crafts, hampers, crystals, a money tree - there are games and of course - a raffle and tombola!! Official start time is 12noon however, they will definitely have the kettle on for after the Sunday mass at St Johns that day.

### SVP PARISH HOUSEBOUND ADVENT MASS AND PARTY

The SVP are holding their Advent Mass at 12.15pm on Saturday December 7th in St John's Parish Hall. Mass will be followed by a hot meal and party. This invitation is open to anyone across the parish who is housebound or unable to attend mass on a regular basis. **If you need transport** please contact Maria on 07929 256 406 or Klaus on 07977 913 092.

### JENNY DACEY—THANK YOU

Thanks to all who came to Jenny's 100th birthday party. Thanks for all the lovely cards, donations and gifts, which she didn't expect. A good time was had by all. God Bless you all.

### CATENIAN LADIES NIGHT—AN INVITATION

Burnley Catenians invite Parishioners to join them for the Christmas meal which follows the Circle meeting on Wednesday 11 December at Nelson House. The meal will be at 20:15 and will be followed by Christmas Carols, price £25. The menu will be: Vegetable Soup; Roasted Turkey, roasted potatoes, new potatoes, pigs in blankets, cauliflower cheese, parsnips, carrots and gravy; Christmas pudding, served with cream; Coffee and mints. Bookings to Terry Hephrun terry.hephrun@bopenworld.com, 0789 659 8854

### WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE

If you are likely to be effected by the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance, please check if you might qualify for Pension Credit, which would mean you can get the Allowance. It isn't simple to check but Age UK (0800 678 1602) and Citizens' Advice (0808 278 7975) will help you check it out. Do remember it is your entitlement, paid for by your lifetime taxes, not a charitable donation.

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

The KSC will hold a quiz every Monday starting at 8.00pm, in St Mary's parish Rooms. Entrance fee of £2 which includes free tea/coffee and biscuits. All are welcome.



### 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Agnes Kerins, Doreen Cosway, Fr Brendan Curley, John Morgan, Francis Baron, Marlene Shorrocks, Martin McEvoy, Julia Mooney,

**In Memoriam:** Holy Souls, in Purgatory, Mick Campion, souls of departed Legionaries, Deceased members of the Moss and Durkin families,

**Other Intentions:** Sr Brenda Makokha FMSJ, Tracey, The Drywood community, A successful operation, Sr Dympna Reardon, Diamond Jubilee,

**Birthday Memoriam:** Irene Moore

**Anniversaries:** David and Steven Yosef, Albert Hill, Jeffrey Biddulph Steven Greenwood, Peter John Mason, Ronald Whittaker,



### BRASS BAND CONCERT "WINTER WARMER"—FREE ADMISSION

St Mary's church will once again host the BMP Goodshaw Brass Band brass band on **Sunday 1st December at 2.00pm** They will play a programme of mixed music from classical, hymns and the shows, and Bach to the Beatles. It's free admission, with a collection and raffle with proceeds shared with the band and the parish. Refreshments will be available. Come and enjoy an afternoon to relax, enjoy the music, with friends old and new.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The ever-popular annual concert, organised by KSC, this year will be held in St John's Parish Hall on **Friday 6th December at 8.00pm**. It will feature top guitarist / vocalist Reece Thomas, back by popular demand. It's an evening to bring your own drinks (and food), tea and coffee available. Book early to avoid disappointment - tickets just £5.00 are available from Ray: 07940 2600 34, Trevor: 07526014568; or Bernard 07800867554. Raffle prizes welcome, please.

### A SINCERE WORD OF THANKS

Fr Job and Fr David were delighted that so many people came to join them for a lovely lunch at St John's last Sunday to mark their joint birthday. Thanks to all who organised, prepared, cooked and served the food., and provided entertainment . Thanks for all the cards, gifts and good wishes they received. It was a day to remember for a long time to come.

### ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR KESWICK

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk). Sign up at [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com)

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION NOVEMBER 2024

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

*Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.*



### PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will .continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 13th November was number 30  
Congratulations to this week's winners who are as follows:

**St John's ~ Klaus**

**St Mary's ~ Dan**

**Christ the King ~ rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



There are two sources of help for people and families who need support.

You pay a registration fee of £5 for the year, and can then shop weekly (or more often if need be) for £4 per visit — the usual 'shop' is equal to about £20/£30 in any other supermarket. The two shops are 1) in the shopping centre square above New Look, and 2) Valley St near the cemetery. They're open Monday to Friday 9.30am to

4.30pm. Just drop in, see and buy!



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 £14,000** 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>. **Thank you all!**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i> 9.30am St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> <b>9.15 Mass at Christ the King School</b> 12 Noon St John's,
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's 10.00am St John's <b>2.15pm Funeral Service at St Mary's for Francis Baron RIP</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition from 11.30am.
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Andrew Apostle</i> 9.30am St. Mary's followed at 10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation.
	<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>First Sunday of Advent</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 will be available later from Sunday afternoon)

### Exposition

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

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Please put the names of those you would like us to remember during the month of November in an envelope at the back of church. Please do not include any money in with your intention.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS IN OUR CHURCHES

Each of our churches has now got a beautiful selection of Christmas cards for sale. They're religiously themed, at good prices, and of course, contribute to parish funds.

### FOREIGN CURRENCIES, PENNIES, 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. A parishioner will take these and turn them into cash for the parish. Please support this fundraiser if you can. 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 16/17 Nov was £ 1303.27, for which many thanks.

#### 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.**



### Clergy Team

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