

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF CHRIST THE ETERNAL KING

26TH NOVEMBER 2023 YEAR A



Churches of

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

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

We are bestowing on Jesus on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the title of Universal King. Through the incarnation God comes among us. He rubs shoulders with us and sees what real life is like as humans. The Gospel is the Universal King's great speech: after his experiences among us he is able to speak with authority as to what really matters as humans. As well as being a universal king, he is also the Good Shepherd. Like the shepherd cares for every single one of his sheep, the great King is concerned about all who his subjects and especially the most vulnerable and those who risk being outcasts or forgotten about.



Jesus speaks of the way we have treated other people as determining our eternal

destiny. God sees everything we have done in our lives and will judge us on how we have treated the lowly. God is in everyone so we are to be judged on how we have treated the hungry, the stranger, the hungry, the prisoner, and the sick. The King tells us that all the little things matter 'the times when we were too busy to show a little act of kindness'

are really important. We are to be judged on the amount of love we have shown or not shown.

We become subjects of Christ the Universal King when we imitate the Lord who came among us to show us the way of love. We pray that we are able to make Christ Our King in the way we express our love in the practical ways we help the needy and vulnerable.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

GOOD SAMARITAN SVP HOUSEBOUND MASS

The Advent Housebound Mass will be held in St John's Parish Hall on Saturday 9th December at 12.00 noon. As previously it is an open invitation across the parish for all who are housebound or with limited mobility to attend. The SVP will provide transport if needed. Call Maria on 07929256406. Following the Mass we will have our usual Christmas party and raffle.

DIOCESAN CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S—WITH PARISH SCHOOLCHILDREN SINGING

The service will be on Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm. It is presented by the Diocesan School Singing Programme and involves our own children from St John's school, as well as other local schools. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. It's a delightful prospect! Please support it if you can.

BURSARIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO "HELP YOU TO HELP OTHERS"

The Catenian Association offers financial support to young Catholics (aged 16—24) who are involved in development projects which help less fortunate people, (including Diocesan and HCPT Pilgrimages). For more information go to catenianbursary.com.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Pauline Martland

Anniversaries: Kathleen Kinsella, Thomas Langton, Genevieve, Robert and Anthony Whittle, Shaun Gaughan, Evelyn Towey, Mary, Harry, Noel and Philip Backhouse, Sarah Killeen, Stephen Cumpsty, Albert Hill, Peter Francis Shackleton, Thomas Cunliffe. Wal-

ter Hollingworth,

In Memoriam: Sarah Langton

Other Intentions: Pat Redmond, June Berry



Knights of St Columba Christmas Cracker

The Knights support two local charities – Holly Grove School and the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship. To help with this they present their annual Christmas Cracker at the KSC Club on Friday 8th December starting at 8.00pm featuring top vocalist Reece Thomas. An evening of entertainment amongst friends – come and join the fun for good causes. Tickets are £6 including light refreshment, available from Bernard (07800 867 554 or Pat (07947 151 931).



PARISH BONUS BALLGAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 15th November was number 28

Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Michael

St Mary's ~ Danny

Christ the King ~ Sheila

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy. It's simple to enter: put your name on the sheet at the back of each church, pay £2 and wait for the winnings to roll in!! The winner will be the one in each church who has chosen the number drawn out on the following Wednesday. The winner will get 50% of the takings which could be up to £50. The remainder goes to parish funds.

AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

Walk With Me Advent booklets and calendars to support us on our journey through Advent.

2024 Diocesan Almanac (priced £3.50)

Both of these are now available at the back of each church.

MONDAY MORNING AT ST. MARY'S

Tea and toast will be served in the parish rooms after 9.30am Mass on Mondays.

This will be organised by the Legion of Mary who will commence their weekly meeting at 10.30am in the Newman Room. All are welcome.



NEWS ABOUT MARK MCGEEHAN

On Tuesday, Fr David represented the parish at the "Candidacy Mass" at Oscott College, Birmingham. This beautiful Mass was presided by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, Mark and six of his fellow Third Year Seminarians made solemn promises in front of the Bishop. Mark is now eligible to be ordained as a deacon and as a priest during his 6th year. Please continue to keep Mark in your prayers during this important time in his formation.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH BURNLEY CATENIANS

Burnley Catenians are holding their Christmas meal, followed by Carols, at 8pm on Wednesday 13th December at Nelson House, Nelson Sq. Burnley and would like to extend an invitation to any Parishioner who would like to join us on the night.

A three-course festive meal, followed by coffee and mints, along with a free raffle, and all for only £20 per person. Following the meal there will be Carols led by our own Peter Marsland. If you would like to come along please contact Mick Armfield on 07591249211 or at marmfield@hotmail.co.uk before 1st December.



CAFOD NEWS

Campaigns Update – Pope Francis has announced he will be attending the global UN climate conference COP28 in Dubai this month. He's called for political leaders at the COP28 talks to prevent the climate crisis from causing even greater tragedies for communities that have contributed least to causing it. We can support his message by asking our MP to act on the Pope's call. To take part just follow the link: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/137965/action/1>

CAFOD's World Gifts – Christmas is fast approaching, but don't worry CAFOD have the best unusual presents for your friends and family that can make a real difference to people living in poverty. World Gifts are CAFOD range of gifts that help those families in most need across the world. For each gift you buy this Christmas, you will receive a beautiful gift card to pass on to your loved one. For the latest selection visit the CAFOD website or pick up a brochure at the back of our three parish churches: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

WILLY WONKAS AFTERNOON TEA—WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 12:30PM

Taking place as usual in St. Mary's Parish Rooms. Please contact Elaine on 01282 413127 to book your place or after each Sunday Mass at St. Mary's at 10.00am at the back of church. Tickets will be issued on payment. All are welcome. **Payments will be gratefully received as soon as possible so that food can be ordered as this is an extremely busy time.**

ANNUAL PARISH TEA PARTY AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL—AN OPEN INVITATION

On Tuesday 19th December St John the Baptist Primary School will hold its annual Parish Christmas Tea Party. The tea party is free to any members from across the parish. It starts at 130pm and will be finished for 3pm. The children will be performing carols and songs. Tickets are available from the school office.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST MEMORIAL CORNER

Take a look at the two very interesting volumes of information regarding all those named on the war memorial at Saint John's. They can be found in the memorial corner. They have been compiled by one of our parishioners Linda. Her extensive work has involved studying a number of Internet sites, such as ancestry.com, the Commonwealth War Graves, British newspaper collection at findmypast and many more.

We thank Linda for her, thoroughly detailed research

TEA DANCE AT ST JOHN'S

The next Tea Dance at St John the Baptist will take place on Wednesday 29th November starting at 1.15pm. Come along and join tea dance in the fun



Prayer for Comfort and Peace

Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and help us make our enemies be at peace with us.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE ALONE



Following on from the success of providing Christmas lunch last year for those who would otherwise have been on their own, thanks to Fr David and our splendid volunteers, we're going to have another this Christmas!

If you – or someone you know – would otherwise be alone this Christmas but would prefer a bit of company, please get in touch with Mike Morris on 07563998334 or email him on web-site@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk But hurry – places are limited and we regret we have to offer them on a strictly first come, first served basis.

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH WINTER WARMER AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

It has become necessary to change the date to 10th December 2023—one week earlier



On Sunday, the 10th December after the 10.45am Mass at Saint John the Baptist you are invited to the parish rooms where we will be serving bacon and sausage butties, home made cakes, tea and coffee. All these mouth-watering treats will be provided for a small donation. Our youngsters will entertain you with popular songs and you can then try your hand at Tombola. To conclude this event Fr David and Maria Boyes will draw the winning raffle ticket for the food hamper, bottle of gin, bottle of fizz, and more.

Please come along and show your support with profits to church funds. **We would be very grateful to anyone who would like to help in any way by donating tombola prizes, cakes, or helping in any way. Please contact Margaret for further information on 07751025178**

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



This is a grocery targeted for those people who are having difficulties in the cost of living crisis. 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>. St John's will continue to accept money gifts, in an envelope clearly marked dropped into the presbytery letterbox.

"THE BIG PICTURE" ~ A DVD COURSE

The Big Picture is the title of our new DVD course which is an Inspirational Bible Course. The course consists of 12 sessions, which will take place on the 2nd Friday of each month. This will be held in St Mary's parish rooms at 12.30pm (after the midday Mass). The next meeting will be Friday 8th December.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 10.15am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Patricia Wilson RIP 12.00 Noon St John's	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St. John's
Thursday	<i>St Andrew, Apostle</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00am St. John's
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 Noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 1155am	
Saturday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's Vigil Masses: 6.00pm St John's preceded at 5.15pm until 5.55pm with Reconciliation and Exposition 6.30pm St Mary's
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent 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 starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2023



For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Stay with us
Lord on our
Journey

DIOCESAN SYNOD—THE BIG LISTEN—CATCH-UP OPPORTUNITY

For those who were not able to come to the recent Big Listen sessions for the Diocesan Synod, you can still take part by taking a white envelope from the back of any of our three churches. Inside you will find questions to consider and details about how the responses can be submitted, which will be either directly online or by returning the envelope and placing it in one of the boxes marked "Synod" which you will find at the back of each church over the next few weeks. Please consider taking an envelope for your family or neighbours who might appreciate being invited to take part. If you have any further questions about the Synod feel free to contact the Parish Synod reps – Sam walshst@outlook.com or Lynne lynneoliver2@hotmail.com

Daily Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and Israel:

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 wars ends.

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