

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

11TH JUNE 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

Today's feast is Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of the Lord. We are celebrating the gift of the Eucharist. There is a strong theme of Covenant in the readings; the first reading describes the sealing of the Covenant between God and the people by being sprinkled with the blood of sacrificed animals. Blood is a sign of life: symbolic of God sharing his life with them.



Then the same with a cup of wine that was also there because of the celebration: "This is my Blood." This is the reason why we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In the Gospel Jesus establishes a new covenant, sealed however with his own blood. The Eucharist is a perpetual reminder of the intimate bond that now exists between God and his people. As Roman Catholics we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus says in the Gospel using the unleavened bread on the Table after the Passover meal that they had celebrated: "This is my body".

Jesus is always ready and willing to act in our lives. However most importantly he wants to change us, and transform us with his love. At the heart of the Eucharist is the generosity and giving of our God. It is a great gift to us. It is meant to change us ~ we are to receive the Lord whom we are meant to become. We are to share the mercy we have received in Christ with those we encounter. The best way to show reverence for the Blessed Sacrament is to take the Lord's heart and love into our communities and allow him to transform the lives of all who welcome the Lord.

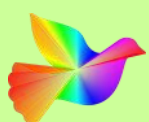
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We look forward to welcoming Bishop John as he comes to St Mary's at 7pm on Wednesday 14th June to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of our parish and the Deanery. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they approach this important moment in their lives



SINGING AND MUSIC PRACTICE THIS SUNDAY FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE

For all those who would like to be part of the singing group or music group for this year's Deanery celebration of Confirmation please come to St Mary's church at 2.30pm on **This** Sunday 11th June when we will practise the hymns.



Confirmation Blessing

May God's Spirit of love rest on you from above. As you pledge your faith in Him, may he continually walk closely by your side as your Savior, friend and guide. "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20)

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Jim Threlfall, Fr Jack Rigby, Eileen Hayhurst, Kathleen Peart, Mary Greenall., Patricia Huggins, Maragret Webster

Other Intentions: Sr Bernadette Nealan (Golden Jubilee), Sr Monica Onyard (Silver Jubilee), Rose Slattery (birthday), On-going medical test., Roy Ball, 90th birthday,

Birthday Memoriam: Claire Marie Halstead, Neil Summers.

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Licastri, Gertrude Smith, Gerald Fitzpatrick, Eli Simms, Paul Stephenson, Danny Atkinson, Roger Fletcher, Bob Beckett.



Towneley Chapel Lamp: Claire Marie Halstead Birthday Memorial, Bob Beckett , Anniversary,

Summer Sizzler Progress Report

After a very successful first meeting to discuss the Parish Summer Sizzler **at St John's on Sunday 9th July from 12.00 noon onward**. The following attractions have been suggested. Put the date in your diary—it will be a blast!! Please also look and see if you can help with any of the activities and call Margaret on 07751 025 178 and volunteer. **Let's have a 'whole parish' fun work and play time together!**

1 Brass Band: This has been confirmed by Raymond and the band will play from 1pm inside or outside weather permitting

2 Barbeque Equipment: Anna and Edie have contacted Rectela and have arranged for them to DONATE to the parish a very superior charcoal barbeque and several small disposable barbeques

3 Face Painting: Barbara and Ysabelle (St Mary's) will be bringing smiles and more to the children's faces!

4 Skittles: David Ross has offered to lend a set of skittles for the day and run the event

5 Penalty Shoot out: Chris Whittle has offered to run this event

6 Food: (a) Barbeque: Arlyn and Annie have offered to oversee the barbeque meats and take care of the cooking (further help will be required).

(b) Rice: Fr Job and Fr Benjamin have volunteered to make their signature dish savoury rice

8 Tombola: Margaret is seeking a volunteer to run the tombola stall items have started to role in

9 Cake stall: Maria Boys has suggested a cake stall and requires bakers names to MP or MB

10 Fr David: Music and singing.

Things are certainly hotting up for the sizzler! Let's hope the weather is too!!



I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

Our next gathering will be on **Thursday 22nd June** in the St. Mary's Parish Rooms from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome for tea, biscuits, table tennis, darts, a quiz and a chat.

MASS FOLLOWED BY SUPPER AT TURF MOOR

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 has now been placed at the back of each church for those who wish to take part.

TUESDAY CLUB AT ST. MARY'S

The Tuesday club meets every Tuesday from 1pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's. We have games of Bingo, refreshments and a good "catch up" with friends. All are welcome from across the parish. For more information please contact Marie tel 07427770970.

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!

DEANERY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Deanery Vocations Mass will be at 7pm Friday on 7th July at St Mary's, followed by light refreshments for all present in the parish rooms.

Deanery Holy Hour with Bishop John will be on Tuesday 27th July at St Mary's, for the work of the Diocesan Synod. This will start at 7pm and be preceded by refreshments in the parish rooms from 6.30pm.

Please support Fr David in his capacity as Rural Dean

FAMILY BOWLS AFTERNOON

The local Catenians are having their annual Family day at Greenhill Bowling Club on Saturday 24th June starting at 1.00pm. It's a fun event for everyone even if you've never played bowls before, as we have experienced folks who will help you. If you want to join the fun please email (marmfield@hotmail.co.uk) Mick Armfield by 16th June saying whether you will be a player or watching. Mick will give you the details.



COMMUNITY GROCERY



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!

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 £13,590 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 £60 **Enormous thanks to everyone.**



Both of these organisations can help people with other ways of dealing with their problems in affording to lead healthy lives. If you ask, the volunteers will guide you to all sources of help. In these times, getting all the help available is just plain common sense. Don't be shy.

SVP UPDATE

The Good Samaritan SVP Conference wish to say thank you to the parish for the help and support they have received over the year. Here is a snippet of our activities. We made over 305 visits.

Provided furniture 3 times, clothes and bedding 4 times, electrical goods 4 times, money 10 times, food 15 times, fuel grants 2, transport 19 times and other practical assistance 80 times. The total hours spent by our members was over 1,550 hours. We sent Christmas and Easter cards to prisoners in Manchester goals and we are involved with our New Neighbours Together group and the Deaf Association. We donated monies to the Ukraine and Sudan appeal.

We recently held our housebound mass which was attended by 23 people and was a brilliant success with lots of laughter and chatter. Watch this space for the next one.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

KSC Weekly Quiz: Every Monday at 8.30pm in the Club. Come along and join a team.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Jamie Capstick, of St Mary's community, and Action and Youth Officer of the KSC greatly appreciates your support—£1,100 to the Motor Neurone Disease funds after running the Leeds Marathon.

His next venture is to cycle 1,600 miles from the north to the south coast of Ireland for Cancer Research, Ireland, 11th to 25th June. He will welcome your 'amazing' support once more. Go to [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jamescapstick](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jamescapstick) to donate. Thank you!



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 12TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St Weekday</i> 9.30am 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>St Anthony of Padua</i> 10.00am Funeral Mass for Jim Threlfall RIP at St Mary's 12.00 Noon St. John's		
Wednesday	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i> 9.30am Christ the King	Only one Mass today	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00am St John's	
Friday	<i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> 12.00 Noon St. Mary's preceded at 11.30 by exposition and reconciliation		
Saturday	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> 9.30am St Mary's followed 10.30am—11.30am by Reconciliation and Exposition 2.00pm St Marys: Catholic Fellowship Mass		
	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>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</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		

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace."

Pope Francis



POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JUNE 2023

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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.



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