

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH FEBRUARY 2025 YEAR C

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



### Churches of

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

In today's Gospel we meet the soon to be disciples whose day had started off badly, with nothing to show from fishing all night. With the intervention of Jesus, it went from the sublime to the ridiculous because they ended up getting the best catch ever. The miracle might have got them to think about the juicy profits they would make from the huge catch of fish. Instead, something had changed in the mindset of these four fishermen, Jesus had opened their eyes and their hearts to something that transformed them and totally changed their way of thinking. This interior change that accompanied the Lord's calling of the fishermen, drew them out of their comfort zone and set their lives in a totally new direction.

Jesus is inviting Simon Peter and the others to be formed into those who will



win friends for God. The Lord will go on to form them and grow in friendship and trust with them and then after his Resurrection, to give them the Holy Spirit at Pentecost from which moment they would never look back. They would form the foundations of the Church to which we belong.

We know that the Lord was right when he chose the fishermen to be his first four disciples. They would go on to proclaim the Gospel and establish the Church. We become part of the Church which has the Apostles as its foundation through our baptism, when we receive the Holy Spirit for the first time. The Lord continues to call us each day to follow him. May we like Peter, although aware of unworthiness, respond wholeheartedly to this invitation through our faithfulness and love.

### PARISH APPEAL FOR LEPROA THIS WEEKEND 8TH /9TH FEB 2025



We will hold an Appeal in support of Lepra for World Leprosy Day this weekend. Leprosy is a terribly debilitating disease that has enormous impact on physical and mental health. The latter is worsened because of prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease.

**But it is curable!** Please offer your support if possible.

### PLANNING MEETING "FUN-D-RAISING"

We will be discussing ideas and making plans for fund raising events across the Parish, at a meeting at St Marys presbytery **on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm**. Have you had an idea and need help to make it happen, or already have events booked, would like to help - please come along and share!! Any issues with the 18th - Give Margaret Pickles 07751 025178 a ring with any thoughts and ideas and she'll bring your input along to the meeting.

Being part of the group is great socially, and gives satisfaction when things go well.



**Join in!**

## SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

### CALL FOR YOUNG HELPERS



Each year Salford Diocese takes hundreds of people on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Many pilgrims are sick, elderly or disabled and so require additional care. A dedicated team medical and care experts work alongside volunteers from across the diocese to support these pilgrims. Deacon Theo first volunteered in Lourdes as a 16-year-old, and it was an important moment on his path towards ordination.

**We would like to invite any young adults to consider travelling to Lourdes with us as volunteers.**

Volunteers must be 16 or over and we propose to join a volunteer group within the diocese which will provide the group leaders responsible for those under 18. The special young adult price of the pilgrimage for those travelling overland by coach is £669 which includes all travel, accommodation, and meals. Volunteers will also need to purchase volunteer shirts to wear while on shift. Travel by coach will leave on 30th July and return 7th August.

The Catenian Association has a bursary of £100 available for any qualifying Catholic volunteer age 16-24. The Knights of St Columba provided money last year to support young diocesan pilgrims and that money is still available. Other fundraising may be possible to further reduce the cost.

As a starting point could those interested in joining a young adults (16-35) volunteer group contact Deacon Theo at [theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or on 01282422007 to register interest and we will progress from there. We encourage all young people aged 16 or over to consider this life-changing opportunity.

**Please register interest with Deacon Theo by Sunday 23rd February**

### SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next gathering for table tennis, darts, cards, a quiz, a chat and cuppa is on Thursday 13th February from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome.



### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is by each Deanery throughout the Diocese of Salford. Bishop John will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John Vianney Deanery at **St. Mary's church, Burnley on Tuesday 1st July**. Young people living in the parish, who are in school year 8 or older and who have been through the parish Sacramental Programme are now eligible to be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested **please contact Fr David by 31st March**, who will give you a letter providing details of the programme of catechesis and a Parental Consent/ Application Form. We will also be promoting the Sacrament through Blessed Trinity Catholic College.



### MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION

On behalf of Fr Emmanuel we want to thank everyone who donated a mobile phone and helped with the collection. **We got 97 mobiles** plus accessories such as chargers, cases, headphones etc. Fr Emmanuel plans to come on 16/02/2025 and will collect the phones and a cheque from the Rotary Club for his charity in Nigeria

### LENTEN STATION—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As part of the Deanery Lenten Station Mass programme, Bishop John will celebrate Mass at St Mary's church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FEBRUARY 2025

*For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

*Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon, Where there is discord let me bring union. Where there is error let me bring truth, Where is doubt, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness let me bring your light.*

*Where there is sadness, let me bring joy*



### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025

Following the Information meeting which took place on Thursday 16th January, the families of the children eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are now having their "One to one appointments" with the catechists and priests of the parish. . If you have any questions please contact Fr David.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Seamus McGahon, Michael Wright, John Whittaker, James Durkin, Dorothy Skinner, Kathleen Moran, Mark Aspinall, Michael Wolstenholme. Peter Hovington,

**Special Intentions:** A Special Intention, For a Successful Operation, Michael Wright.

**Birthday Memoriam:** Agnes Variyam, Tressa Byrom, Charlotte Louise Conlon,

**Anniversaries:** John Ford, Michael Horrocks, Hamida Bibi, Ian Stewart, Bob Smith, Jimmy Carter, John Burrow,



### WHO WANTS TO PLAY SHOPKEEPERS!?

The Home Produce Stall at St Mary's after 10.00 Mass needs help please! Could you help run the stall selling the home-made food once in every few weeks? We have the 'bakers and makers' so you would only need to serve the customers which is a great chatty occasion, and help set up before Mass. It would be once every 4 5 weeks, or so. If you can add to the home made goods for sale, that would be a bonus—but not necessary. Call Christine on 01282 435 098 to find out more. Thank you.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND REFLECTION SESSIONS AT SAINT MARY'S

The Sessions will be in St Mary's Parish Rooms, and will consist of four sessions taking place on Fridays on the following dates: 7th and 21st March; 4th and 25th April. Each session commences at 12:40pm and will last approximately 1 hour, all are free of charge and can be attended as a block or on an individual basis. No booking is required, and everyone is welcome. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch along as there will be a short break for refreshments at the start of each session in the Main Parish Hall followed by Meditation and Reflection in the Newman Room.

I hope you can join us for this timely opportunity which will span Lent and Easter.

### CELEBRATE ST VALENTINE'S DAY

#### ST VALENTINE'S THEMED AFTERNOON TEA



The Tea will be in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Wed 12th Feb at 1pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list at the back of St Mary's church or contact on 413127.

Cost is £5 per person.

#### KSC ST VALENTINES DAY CONCERT

KSC Council 110 presents a St Valentine's day concert on Friday 14th Feb from 8pm, at St John's Parish Rooms. It will feature talented vocalist and guitarist Reece Thomas. Tickets £5 available from Ray 07940260034, Trevor 07526014568, or Bernard 07800867554.

**Please bring your own drinks and food.**

### HOME BLESSINGS WITH DEACON THEO

Thanks to those who have already arranged to have their home blessed Deacon Theo. If anyone else would like to have their home blessed, please arrange a convenient time by getting in touch with Deacon Theo on 01282 422007 or email: Theo.sharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

### CAFOD NEWS FEBRUARY 2025



Jubilee Debt Justice Campaign - In this Jubilee Year CAFOD is calling for debt justice alongside the whole Caritas Internationalis family. The world is currently facing the most acute debt crisis in history. Fifty-four countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. As Pope Francis says, "With the strength of the Spirit, we need to offer an answer here and now to the cries of the world. To hear them we must go out and be a 'Church-on-the-move' that reaches out like the Good Samaritan." **Please sign CAFOD's online petition: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/161357/petition/1>. Please ask others to sign the petition.**

### 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. The parish has received over £500 from what has already been raised.. Thank you.

### PARISH BONUS BALL —WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 5th February was number 52. Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ Rollover St Mary's ~ Christine Christ the King ~ Rollover**  
Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025 TO SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Scolastica</i> 9.30am St. Mary's <b>2.00pm Funeral Mass at St Mary's for James Durkin RIP</b>	<b>Exposition</b> There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> 9.30am St Mary's                      12.00 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>Friday</b>	<i>Ss Cyril and Methodius</i> <b>10.00am St. Mary's followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm Funeral Mass at St John's for Dorothy Skinner RIP</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am	
<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><i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></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 should be available later from Sunday afternoon)	

*Stay with us Lord on our journey.*

### 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 contact Fr David to arrange things.

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

We're back after our Christmas break! Our next quiz night will be on Monday 20th February at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

**WEEKLY COLLECTION** The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 2nd / 3rd February was £1337.03, 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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