

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of

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

NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH FEBRUARY 2024 YEAR B



In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Simon Peter's mother-in-law of fever and then goes on to heal and cure all the sick people of the town, who come to the door of the house. After rising early the next morning to have time with his Father in solitude he carries on his work of healing in the face of suffering in neighbouring towns and villages.



walk the road of suffering himself. He will know about pain, about the feelings of agony and despair and feeling isolated when he goes to the Cross, but he comes through it to Easter and the joy of the Resurrection. This of course changes the road of suffering that we walk too.

Throughout the Gospels, we hear that Jesus does good in the face of suffering. Jesus sees illness and disease and suffering as an opportunity to show compassion and give practical love, healing and hope to everyone who approaches him. The Lord never tires of showing love and care and bringing healing to the sick. Through his Passion, Jesus was to

We also have opportunities to show our care in the face of suffering among those we know. To bring the compassion of Christ, we need to have that wholesome relationship with the Father that Jesus did. Such wholeness can only come through ensuring we make time for God in prayer. Making time and space for God in prayer will empower us with the essential divine love and compassion that we need.

COFFEE AND CAKES AT ST MARY'S

Thank You!



Thank you to our parish Young People's Group for their splendid work in putting on last Saturday's wonderful coffee morning. They planned well and worked so maturely with each other and the adults to create a really welcoming atmosphere. After this successful event we look forward to what they next may turn their hands to. Thanks to everyone who supported this event which raised a welcome £90 towards parish funds.

Thank you.

"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).



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Jerome Backhouse, Sybil Bacchus, Elizabeth Ball (Betty), John Cavanagh, Patrick Ruane, Stephen Hindle, Bernard Mulrooney, John Teggart. Kevin Salmon,

Other Intentions: Sr Patricia Bell, Diamond Jubilee, Special Intention, Successful operations,
Anniversaries: Mary Featherstone, William Ford, Claire Marie Halstead (1st anniversary), Betty Philips (1st Anniversary), Agnes Frazer,
Birthday Memoriam: John Greenwood. Martha Hollingworth,

"NEW YEAR—NEW START"



We hear that statement quite a lot this time of year, with the suggestion of several ideas for new year resolutions, Well, why not look at how you could better yourself spiritually, and maybe in the process give more back to those that need it, by joining the Knight of St. Columba.

Who are the Knights of St. Columba (KSC)? They are a team of laymen dedicated to support the missions of the Catholic Church, while also putting a strong emphasis on Faith, Family and Fraternity. The KSC have raised tens of thousands of pounds for Pro-Life charities, Hospices and support our own communities, such as raising money to help social events and the youth in their spiritual growth. Any further question please email Tom Wilkinson: tpwilkinson@hotmail.co.uk Or why not pop along to the next KSC Meeting on Monday 12th February at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms.

A GENEROUS INVITATION

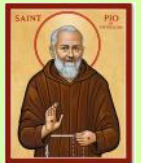
Following the closure of KSC 110 Club, neighbours at Burnley Cricket Club have offered support to all existing 110 club members by offering a free social membership up to April 2025. For more details contact: contact@burnleycricketclub.com or the club Membership Secretary Phil Broadhurst on 07891 361 193. Facilities at the club includes discounted drinks for members, use of the function room, snooker, darts, sky sports, a dedicated members bar and top-class cricket from the current Lancashire League Champions! Thank you BCC!

THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHATSAPP+

The Good Samaritan WhatsApp is an easy way to share requests, offer help, in general, find out what's happening across the parish! Text Margaret P on 07751 025178 to be added or for any more information

St. Padre Pio's Prayer for Healing

Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.



MONDAY MORNINGS 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.



RECYCLE YOUR "BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

"Beautiful Christmas Gifts" are not always needed! If you got that extra pair of slippers, the socks that are a little small, red wine.....we have a solution. There is a box at the back of St Johns where such gifts can be donated for this year's fund raising. All gifts are welcome. Thanks!!

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 29th November was number **55**

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

St John's ~ Margaret St Mary's ~ Cath, Christ the King ~ Tim

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

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.

MASSSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St Agatha</i> 9.30am St Mary's	NB: 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 Paul Miki and Companions</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>St Jerome Emiliani</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's	
	12.00 noon: Requiem Mass for Patrick Ruane RIP at Christ the King		
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 11.55am		
Saturday	<i>St Scholastica</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	<i>Sixth 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		

In the mass we have Jesus in the appearance of bread. While in the slums we see Christ and touch him in the broken bodies, in the abandoned children. (St Teresa of Kolkata)

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.

Thank you all!

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.**



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