

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY

28TH MAY 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

In the first reading at Mass, we see the effect the Holy Spirit had on the Apostles. We are told it appears like tongues of fire which rest on the head of each of them.



Fire is a symbol of change and of renewal. Nothing is ever the same again after a fire. Also after a fire everything has to be renewed. The Apostles were totally different after Pentecost, they were never the same again; the Holy Spirit renewed them and they were on fire with love for the Lord. This made them courageous and confident and they went out into the streets of Jerusalem and everyone who heard them regardless of what language they spoke could understand them. There was no more fear or doubting; they are totally focused on being faithful to the Lord's command to go out to the whole world and tell the Good News of Jesus Christ. They were to bring the Gospel to the whole of the world. They would never look back from this mission and the presence of the Church today in almost every country through-

out the world today is testimony to their faithfulness to this.

In the Gospel which is set on Easter Sunday Evening, Jesus breathes on the gathered disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit. The Lord breathed his last breath on the Cross but the new life of Easter enabled the Risen Lord to breath new life into the Apostles and thus began the Church. One of the obvious things about being alive is that we breathe; breath is a sign of life. So the Church with the Spirit, takes it's first breaths through the breath of Christ. He gives them the mission for the salvation through the forgiveness of sins. The Spirit leads us to Christ and gives us the desire to want to pray and to want to be in God's presence.

So Pentecost is when we celebrate that the Risen Lord gives the Spirit which breathes life into the Church. On this sacred day, may the Lord bless you and reinvigorate your faith through his holy Apostolic Church.

SAMARITAN SUMMER SIZZLER

This is an invite for all to gather at St Johns on Sunday July 9th from 12noon onwards - What is it?? That depends on what talents we have across the Parish - contact Margaret P 07751 025178 or picklesmargaret@yahoo.com - to offer any ideas/help - it might be refreshments, entertainment - dance, sing, comedy?! - games for the younger end and young at heart etc. **We shall also have an initial sharing of ideas during the tea/coffee gathering after the 10.45am mass this Sunday May 14th - All Welcome.** Let's have fun together! All join in!!



The Good Samaritan WhatsApp is also an easy way to keep in touch - contact Margaret if you'd like to be added.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Canon Bill Byrne, Fr Peter Haverty, Frank Fallon, Eileen Hayhurst, Margaret Smith

Other Intentions: In thanksgiving for success cancer treatment, Fr Ian Kelly (Golden Jubilee), Ray Williamson, 90th Birthday, Jonah Holt

Birthday Memoriam: Peggy Guilfoyle, Eileen Conlan

Anniversaries: John Murphy, Anthony Ford, Rita Duerden, Thomas Dacey, Patrick Durkin, Harry Giltrow, Thomas Green (senior)

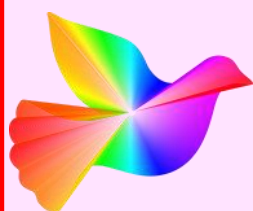
Towneley Chapel Lamp: In remembrance of Wynne McDermott



MEMORIAL MASS—FRIDAY 9TH JUNE

There will be a Memorial Mass on Friday 9th June at St. John's Church at 9.30am for Peter Jackson RIP. This will be followed by tea and cake for all present in the parish hall. All are welcome.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION—CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY



Churches together in Burnley are holding a service for all Christians in Burnley at 6.30pm St Peter's church **this coming Pentecost Sunday 28th May**. We are hoping for involvement from our parishioners with the reading and singing. There will be a singing practice at St Peter's **from 5.15pm to 5.50pm** (when there is a cuppa available) for all who are interested in joining in.
Thank you

New Catholic

Please pray for Bryn who, after several months of preparation is to be baptised and received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during the 7pm Mass at St John's on Wednesday 31st.

SOCIAL GROUP AT ST MARY'S

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



T Dance at St. John's

The next T Dance will be held on Wednesday May 31st in St John's Parish Rooms from 1.15pm to 3.15pm.
All are welcome.

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.

The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fri 28th July – Thurs 3rd August 2023

The 89th Pilgrimage, led by Bishop John. Prices start from £819pp sharing and bookings can now be made via Joe Walsh Tours at www.joewalstours.co.uk. For more information, please email-info@joewalstours.co.uk or call 0808 1890468 and on the diocesan website.

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!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The young people have now completed their programme of preparation, which will culminate in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop John on Wednesday 14th June at St Mary's. Please keep them in your prayers as they approach this important moment in their lives.



HOLIDAY COVER FOR LIVE STREAMING—Wanted 2 Hours Per Fortnight at Mass

Could you spare 2 hours or less over the summer to assist in this important spiritual and community support? If you can use a computer you can do live streaming – we'll show you how! Talk to John or Daniel at Mass or ring Mike on 07929 451 566.

Matchday parking at St Mary's

Sincere thanks to Danny and the other voluntary Marshalls who generously give their time and energy in all weathers to steward St Mary's car park during Burnley FC home match days to raise funds for the parish. **This season they raised the amazing total of £11,904.56.** Congratulations and many thanks. If you want to volunteer to help next season please contact Fr David.

KSC EVENTS



KSC Weekly Quiz: This Monday 31st May at 8.30pm. Come along and join a team.

Liverpool Metro Cathedral: The KSC are organising a coach to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 10th June. Coach leaves 110 Club, Yorkshire St at 9.30am.

To book a place please call Ray on 07940260034. All are welcome.

RIGHT FOR LIFE SPONSORED WALK



Our local Catenian Association and Knights of St Columba are organising the annual Right to Life Sponsored Walk. It will be this Monday Bank Holiday starting at 1.00pm from St Mary's church car park. It follows a trail mostly in our parish, and ends with refreshments on offer in the KSC

110 club where refreshments will be provided.

All are welcome.



CAFOD UPDATE

We do hope you have popped the 12th June into your diary for the CAFOD meeting which will be held in St Mary's Parish Room at 7pm for every-one interested in the ongoing work in our Parish for CAFOD. We are hosting a visit from Simon Halloran the CAFOD rep for our Diocese. We are also hoping to form a new core group following the amalgamation of our 3 churches to now be a CAFOD group for the Good Samaritan parish. We sincerely hope we can bring together a team who will take the work forward following the parish changes and the sad loss over the years of many of our members who have been called to the Lord. It is an exciting task bringing hope and help to our Sisters and Brother in many parts of the world. Come along as see what we can learn and achieve together. For any further details ring Anne Marie on 01282721701



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 into 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.

Last Saturday we 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.

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.



