

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

## Churches of

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

## NEWSLETTER

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**14TH JANUARY 2024 YEAR B**



In today's Gospel at Mass, we hear of the call of the first disciples by Jesus. The first people he chooses are all fishermen, maybe



because Jesus knows they will be risk-takers, courageous, have faith and trust in God. In John's version of the calling of the first disciples, Andrew is directed towards Jesus by John the Baptist and he directs his brother Simon Peter whom Jesus directly calls himself.

Even today God continues to call people to do for him some definite service. This unique and specific call is commonly called vocation. We are all called to follow Christ and our Christian vocation is to set upon the adventure of discovering what it is that God is asking us to do for him

using the gift of life that he has given to each of us. We all have a part to play in helping people to discern

what God is asking them to do with their lives. I feel that the best way to encourage people to consider serving God in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life is to be the best possible Catholic we can be ourselves. If we show love for Our Lord Jesus, our Church, our faith, the Eucharist, then that love will act as a source of encouragement for others to respond to God's call. It is also vital that we pray for those whom God is calling so that they have the courage to answer as Samuel did in today's first reading; "Here I am Lord I come to do your will".

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

### FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK

We are now able to proceed with the Parish Sacramental Programme for the baptised RC children currently in Year 3 or above. **The initial information meeting will be held at St Mary's church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 17th January 2024.** During this information meeting, we will outline your child's Sacramental journey which will lead to the children being prepared to celebrate Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This meeting will also allow parents/carers to book their time slot for the next meeting which will be a "1 to 1" appointment for the child and their parents/carers with a priest and a catechist. The dates set aside for these early evening appointments are as follows:

29th January – St Mary's children

30th January – St John's children

6th and 8th February – Christ the King children

Following these "1 to 1" appointments, parents will then receive full details of all further meetings and celebrations. If you have any questions please contact Fr David.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Pat Taylor, Teresa Moran, Mary Duckworth, Mary Knowles, Mary Knowles, Joan Green, Jerome Backhouse.

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Smith, Joseph Hoyle, Alice Glew, Patrick Terence O'Brien, Stephen Lawrenson, Vera Fitzpatrick, Cyril Chadwick.

**In Memoriam:** Members of Ryan and Nelson families, members of Greenhall family, deceased members of the Fleming family, Deceased mem-

bers of the McNamara and Smith families, For a recently deceased relative.

**Other Intentions:** Steve Hindle, Sr Maureen birthday.

**Birthday Memoriam:** Maria Cristina Gonzalez Summers, Winifred Augner.



### PARISH YOUTH GROUP—CAKE AND COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARY'S

The parish youth group will be putting on tea/coffee/cakes in the parish rooms after 9.30am Mass on Saturday 27th January Proceeds to parish funds. All welcome to come and support our young people, tucking into the goodies and having a chat.

### 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!!

*Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the  
night*



*I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my  
heart*

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

**St John's ~ Linda St Mary's ~ Patricia Christ the King ~ TBA**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### MONDAY MORNING MASS 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.



### 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**

### "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).

### 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 15TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2024

Please note the changes this week.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	<b>NB: Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 noon St John's <b>1.15pm Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Mary Knowles RIP</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Anthony</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>St Wulstan</i> 12.00 noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition between 11.30am and 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Sebastian</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.30 to 11.30am Exposition and Reconciliation at St Mary's <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>	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Christ the King: 9.15am and 5.15pm 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)

*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life"*

### 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.

### Clergy Team

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