

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7TH APRIL 2024

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Churches of

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

In today's Gospel, we have the story of Thomas, who refuses flatly to believe that the other disciples have seen the risen Lord. Unless he can put his fingers into the holes made by the nails into his hands and unless he can place his hand into his side, made by the lance, he refuses to believe. Thomas was a realist, like many people, who need more than just personal testimony as the basis for truth. He wanted first hand evidence for himself. On the 8th Day of Easter, he gets the proof he sought and needed. Jesus is gentle, compassionate, yet firm with him through his doubts but grants him what he asks. The Lord shows Thomas his wounds and Thomas is given the chance to touch the wounds of the Lord by these words. This enables Thomas to make the enormous leap of faith and say about Jesus "My Lord and my God". Jesus gently prevents Thomas from getting too carried away and says, "happy are those who have not seen but yet believe".

We are among those who have not seen and yet are called to believe in the Risen Jesus as our Lord and our God. He



endured all this for us. There was nothing glorious at the time about the brutality of the nails being driven into his hands and feet by the soldiers, or the piercing of his side by the lance. However, the Resurrection of the Lord changed all of that and Easter changes everything. Even the wounds are transformed into something that brings new life.

Through human frailty we also turn our backs on the Lord, we refuse to be faithful to him and his Church. We think of ourselves, and we go our own way. Yet despite all of that, the Lord says to each of us as he did to Thomas, by effectively saying to us: Look how much I love you, your sins caused these wounds, look at what I was prepared to suffer and endure for love of you.

The message of the Risen Lord which brought such joy to his disciples is the same he brings to us today; Peace. That's something we all desire, yearn for and long for and it's this peace that has been won for us by the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. That's what we celebrate at Easter.

PARISH EASTER "EGGSTRAVAGANZA" - THIS SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Come and have Fun, a Bacon Buttie, Meet and Make Friends!!



Our Parish "*Easter Eggstravaganza*" rolls closer! It's based at St Johns starting at 12noon. ● Can you create an Easter Bonnet?! Bring it along and join in the Easter Bonnet Parade inside the hall - with prizes!! ● On the day there's: design an Easter egg colouring competition, ● ever seen Homes under the Hammer? - well we have several smaller items available in our mini auction, ● the tombola will be causing excitement and ● there's a raffle - of course! All happening whilst munching ● away on bacon/sausage butties, marvellous muffins, cupcake delights! Any monies raised will be used for parish funds

Thanks to all who have helped and contributed!!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The deadline for handing in applications has now passed. The young people who have applied will be commencing their preparation very soon.

CAFOD NEWS—APRIL 2024



Thank you for your generous donations, given in love, to CAFOD's recent Lent Family Fast Day appeal. Together with other donations received in the last five months, £1,465.32 has been sent to CAFOD from our parish. In addition to this, many parishioners will have sent donations directly to CAFOD in the Fast Day envelopes or by regular standing order. Your donations will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good.

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Congratulations! And God Bless your Generosity!

Missio Red Box Collection—Christ the King

For the Christ the King Community April is the month for the collection of the Missio Red Boxes. Please bring your boxes to Church or call Stephen and Francesca on 07593 854661 or 07874 882132 to arrange collection. Thank you



READERS ROTA ST MARY'S 10.00AM MASS

The new rota starts on 28th April. There are copies of the Rota available in the Sacristy at St Mary's for those who have not received them via email.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS—THIS MONDAY

The KSC Quiz was launched last month, but run in St Mary's Parish Rooms. It was a success with a good turnout. Entrance fee is £2 per head, which includes free coffee/tea and biscuits.



Our next quiz will be at 8pm on Monday 8th April. All are welcome

Bring your own beer, wine or preferred drink—we have the glasses!

A Prayer for Love in our Lives

Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to

light that fire in the hearts of others. And it is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other.

No sacrifice and no suffering will then seem too much.

Dorothy Day Woman of God
Co-founder of 'The Catholic Worker'

"THE BIG PICTURE"

The Big Picture is the title of our 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. The next meeting will be on Friday 12th April



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Jennifer Sugrue, May Johnson, Denis Robson, Patrick Ruane, Michael Thompson, James Anthony Niland, Christopher Chambers, Giuseppa Maguire, Mary Gallagher, John McKune, George Ragen, Rita Lyons,



Birthdays Memoriam: Martin Frazer.

Other Intentions: Donor's intentions, Sr Pat, Tess and James Corrigan, Diamond wedding.

Anniversaries: Mary Coyne, Sheila Schofield, Regina and Merceda Wilcock, Catherine Ford, Rosemary Campion.

Easter Intentions: Gonzalez And Summers Families,

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS

Canon Tony McBride is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the sacred priesthood with a special Mass on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm at St Mary's, on the very day in 1974 when he was ordained. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special occasion with him. Many of us will recall the day of his ordination, and the celebration which followed at St Theodore's school. Canon McBride was baptised grew in the faith in the parish, attending local schools and first received the other Sacraments at St Mary's. He, his parents and wider family are, or were, well known to many.

A Vocations Prayer

God, thank you for loving me. In Baptism you called me by name to live as your child. Help all

your people to know their call in life. For your greater glory, raise up generous leaders to serve as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Amen.



SOCIAL GROUP AT ST. MARY'S

Our next gathering will be Thursday 25th April from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Please join us in the parish Rooms for tea, coffee, darts, table tennis, a quiz, cards and most importantly a chance to chat with friends old and new. All are welcome.

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We apologise for the delay in getting these out this year, they have now arrived and will be available to collect at each of the churches from the Sat vigil/Sunday Masses this weekend. Thanks for your patience and understanding about this.

RIGHT TO LIFE SPONSORED WALK 2024

The local Knights of St Columba and Catenians are organising the Walk once more this year, in conjunction with Right to Life. It will be on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May leaving St Mary's car park at 1.00pm. It covers 10k, (6.25 miles) with refreshments provided afterwards. It has been a relaxed, fun event so pop the date in your diary. More details nearer the time.



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 3rd April was number **40**
Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's ~ Rollover

St Mary's ~ Genna

Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 30/31st March was £2112.32, 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.**



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 8TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	9.30am St Mary's	NB: Only one Mass today.
Tuesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	
	9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	
	9.30am Christ the King	
	1.30pm Funeral Mass at St John's for Michael Thompson RIP	
	7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>St Stanislaus</i>	
	9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St John's
Friday	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	
	12.00noon St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition from 11.30 to 11.55.	
Saturday	<i>St Martin I</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>Third Sunday of Easter</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

Exposition
There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)

"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer."

Pope Paul VI

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



This is a grocery store 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!

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