

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH 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, Jesus states that true happiness does not come from having everything that we want. True happiness he tells us comes from trusting God and allowing his love to complete us. He tells us that when we truly know that we are loved by God, this brims over into every aspect of our lives, so even if we have very little, it doesn't matter, because we are willing to share this with each other. It's in giving that we receive. By sharing God's love with others we will make others happy in turn and our own happiness will increase even more. Worldly possessions do not last forever, but God's love does last forever and that's far more precious and valuable than anything else. If we open our lives and our hearts to God's love then we will know the love that Jesus speaks of.



Those who make themselves poor for Christ's sake would be enriched by Him later. There would be times when the disciples did not know where their next meal was coming from, but in the world to come they would be not be hungry; they will be fed by the Lord, as He fed the Israelites for forty years when they were in the desert. Our Lord was very up front with His followers; he did not falsely promise an easy life, but frankly said that they would be despised for being His followers.

Like the disciples we are also called to love and to serve others and thereby serve the Lord. We are also to strive to be people who care. We express our love and care by having ears open to listen and hands willing to help. Such a disposition will surely bring us a joy and happiness that we could not imagine.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM CARITAS



Thank you so much to your parishioners who continue to pray for children, families and individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. We are so very grateful to receive the combined total of £509 from the Caritas Sunday collection. Please understand what a help this will be towards our many expenses to support those coming to us for help.

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 **this 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 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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is now to be celebrated 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.



MASS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LENTEEN STATION

As part of the Deanery Lenten Station Mass programme, Bishop John will celebrate Mass at St Mary's church on Thursday 27th March



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BURNLEY SERVICE

There will be a Churches together in Burnley Service at St Mary's on Pentecost Sunday 8th June at 6.30pm.

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

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, John Whittaker, James Durkin, Dorothy Skinner, Margaret Pauline Stevens, Mary Agnes Boyle, Angela Allen.

Birthday Memoriam: Patricia D'Silva, Patrick Nicholls.

Anniversaries: Michael Horrocks, Patricia Moran, Marie Breslin, Christopher John Nolan, Frank Donovan, Kevin O'Brien, Asmat Pervez, Nasreen Sultana,

Other Intentions: Intentions of a house seller, Breslin family, Successful operation.



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.

HOME BLESSINGS WITH DEACON THEO

Thanks to those who have already had their home blessed by 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.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL—MESSAGE OF THANKS



Thank you to everyone who have helped and continue to help collect all the bottle tops. In total so far this school year we have recycled 28.04kg of plastic bottle tops (that is about 7000 bottle tops) which would have otherwise gone to landfill.

We are grateful for the parish's continued support with this project as part of our school's commitment to Laudate Si.

Small things done with great love will change the world. St Teresa of Kolkata

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 GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game and it will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday 12th February was number **17**. Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ Jill St Mary's ~ Margaret Christ the King ~ Mary**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025 TO SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Holy founders of the Servite Order</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	Exposition There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass, Monday to Friday (Except before Funerals)
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's 10.00am Funeral Mass at St. John's for Angela Allen RIP	
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's	
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's 10.00am St John's	
Friday	<i>St Peter Damien</i> 12.00 noon St. Mary's preceded by Reconciliation from 11.30am to 11.55am	
Saturday	<i>The Chair of St Peter</i> 9.30am St Mary's, followed by Reconciliation with Exposition: 10.30 to 11.30am	
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>Seventh 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 (*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 with Fr David to arrange things.

KSC QUIZ NIGHT AT ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS

Our next quiz night will be on Monday 17th February at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms and will be led by Deacon Theo.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 8th / 9th February was £1319.22, 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.



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