

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2ND FEBRUARY 2025 YEAR C

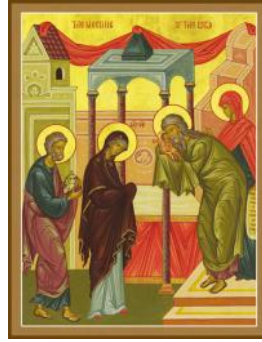
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Churches of

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

Today is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas.. We will all light candles at the start of Mass to remind us that Christ is our light shining brightly and bringing hope into the darkness



of our lives. In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Jesus to the Lord according to what the Jewish Law required of them. Simeon and Anna being filled with the Spirit were dedicated to God and spent much of their time praying in the Temple. When the Holy Family arrived at the Temple, the Spirit allowed these two elderly people to recognise the child Jesus as the Son of God; they were both filled with joy at this great privilege afforded to them.

Simeon was promised by the Lord that he would not die until he had set eyes

on the Messiah, the Christ of God, promised by the Lord. He could only have had this revealed to him in prayer because of his devotedness to his faith. Simeon and Anna were both elderly when the promise made them by the Lord was fulfilled.

Anna and Simeon remind us of the value of old age and how it can truly be a time to mature in our faith and our relationship with God.

The Holy Spirit, who is present within each of us through our baptism, can also guide and direct us to proclaim Christ's presence in the world today. May we allow the light of Christ to shine brightly by living out the Gospel to the best of our ability. Then people will know that Christ is present here and now, not so much because of what we say but most especially because of our actions which back up such words.

PARISH APPEAL FOR LEPRO W/E 8TH /9TH FEB 2025

World Leprosy Day. Every day 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 28 of these will be children. Four million people are believed to suffer from it, diagnosed and undiagnosed. Leprosy is a terribly debilitating disease that has enormous impact on physical and mental health. The latter is worsened because of prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease.

But it is curable!

Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, and to challenge prejudice to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable health care. To read more about Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk.

With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people. Even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped by this disease. If you would like further information, please contact LauriceJ@lepra.org.uk

Please help us beat leprosy Thank you



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 more ready you are to give yourself to God and to others, the more you discover the authentic meaning of life".

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.



LENTEN STATION—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

As part of the Deanery Lenten Station Mass programme, Bishop John will celebrate Mass at St Mary's church on Thursday 27th March at 7pm.

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. Amen

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

In Memoriam: Freda Hornby, Tressa Byrom.

Birthday Memoriam: Martha Hollingworth, Mary Fleming.

Anniversaries: Mary Featherstone, Agnes Frazer, Elizabeth (Betty) Ball, William Ford, Billy Mortimer, Margaret Nutter, Leo Hornby, Claire Marie Halstead, Malcolm Robinson, John and Molly Taggart, Rose Duffield, Thomas Macken, Stefana Albanese.

Lately Dead: Marko Egan, Michael Lord, Shaun Patrick O'Brien, June Young, George Paily, Pat Petrolina, Dorothy Skinner, James Durkin, Michelle Sharples, Seamus McMahon, Michael Wright, Norman Elliott, Thomas Moran, Angela Allen,

Special Intentions: Sr Anne McCafferty, Sr Bridget O'Hare, A sick person.



GAMES ON THE LAWN—THIS SUNDAY

Games on the Lawn" are Sunday 2nd February after the 10.45am mass at St Johns with refreshments in the Parish Hall.

KSC ST VALENTINES DAY CONCERT

KSC Council 110 presents a St Valentine's day concert on Friday 14th Feb from 8pm, at St John's Parish Rooms. It will feature talented vocalist and guitarist Reece Thomas. Tickets £5 available from Ray 07940260034, Trevor 07526014568, or Bernard 07800867554. **Please bring your own drinks and food.**

ST VALENTINE'S THEMED AFTERNOON TEA

The Tea will be in St Mary's Parish Rooms on Wed 12th Feb at 1pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list at the back of St Mary's church or contact on 413127. Cost is £5 per person.

CAFOD NEWS – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – 2ND 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>.
If you can, please ask others to sign the petition.**

HOME BLESSINGS WITH DEACON THEO

Thanks to those who have already asked for their home to be 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.sharroock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

'Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God.

May my heart be open to good. Mmy heart be open to the beauty of God.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit recommended by Pope Francis to be said daily

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.

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

PARISH BONUS BALL —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 January was number 56 Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ Rose, St Mary's ~ Nora, Christ the King ~ rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2025 TO SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Blaise</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>St Agatha</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7,00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i> 9.30am St Mary's	NB: Only one Mass today
Friday	<i>Weekday</i> 12.00 noon St. Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation	11.30 to 11.55am
Saturday	<i>St Josephine Bakhita</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>Fifth 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)	

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

Stay with us Lord on our journey.

Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us.



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

We're back after our Christmas break! Our next quiz night will be on Monday 6th February at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTION The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 25th / 26th January was £1605.73, 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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