

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6TH AUGUST 2023

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Churches of

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

FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

There are three occasions in the Gospels when Jesus takes only Peter, James, and John with him to share a significant experience with him. These occasions are the raising of Jairus's daughter from the dead; his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper and thirdly the Transfiguration, the feast of which we celebrate today. There is a link between the three events witnessed by the same three disciples. The link is surely life and death. He brings life where there is death in the case of the young girl and in Gethsemane, he chooses obedience to His Father on the eve of his own death.

In today's feast of the Transfiguration, we see Jesus as the Lord of life. He is



always obedient to the Father and that is why, in the Garden Jesus will have the wisdom and courage despite his tremendous fears of what lies ahead, to conclude "Your will be done!".

For the Transfiguration vision to become reality, Jesus must

of course go back down the mountain and head for Jerusalem and the Cross. The Glory and light of the Resurrection is not possible without the darkness and pain of Calvary which accomplishes the victory over sin and Death.

On this feast of the Transfiguration, may we allow the Lord of life to transform all our moments of darkness, pain and suffering by the power of his Cross into experiences of the light, life and hope that our Christian faith brings us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—PARISH FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

PARISH TRIP TO ST ANNES—DETAILS AND BOOKING

This will place on Tuesday 29th August. We will leave in the morning after 9am Mass at St Mary's and the coach will call at all three churches. We plan to leave St Annes at 5pm so should be back in Burnley by 6.30pm. The cost will be £12 per person. If you would like to book a place, please contact Lynne on tel 07850 048538. Buckets and spades at the ready! Candy floss all round!



PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Sunday 17th Sept ~ 2.30pm Garden party parish fundraiser in St Mary's Presbytery gardens. Details next week If anyone would like to help, please contact Trevor on **07526 014568. Please note amended number.**



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Celia Cook, Rosemary Bullen, Chris Brandon, James Freeman, Frances Hunt, Michael Elliott, Anne Connor.

Anniversaries: Peter Fletcher, Kathleen Beckett, James Hosty, Peter Doyle.

Other Intentions: Duffield family, Margaret Blaney, Macken family, Fell family,

Birthday Memoriam: Agnes Fletcher

In Memoriam: Kilday family

Towneley Chapel Candle: Kathleen Beckett

BONUS BALL.



As from weekend of 12/13th August, we will be introducing a new parish weekly fundraiser. There will be a sheet at the back of each of the three churches with 59 numbers in squares. To take part you will be asked to give £2 and write your name in the square of the number you have chosen. The winner will be the one in each church who has chosen the number drawn out on the following Wednesday's Bonus. The winner will get 50% of the takings which could be up to £50. The remainder would go to parish funds. The winner can collect their prize from the appropriate sacristy the following weekend. We hope you enjoy this new initiative and feel able to support it.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES



Holy Spirit, I pray that you will open my heart to you. Help me develop the kind of heart that wants to be so immersed in your Word that there is no room left for ungodly influences. Help me to hold on to your priorities, and teach me always to embrace your will so that I will not engage in misplaced worldly priorities.

KSC QUIZ

KSC Weekly Quiz: Every Monday at 8.30pm in the Club. Come along and join a team.

CAFOD NEWS: COWBOY LENDERS AND THANKS

New CAFOD Campaign Action

The past few years have seen debts owed by some of the poorest countries mount up to unsustainable levels. Due to the economic crisis and high interest rates, 54 countries are now facing a debt crisis. But instead of agreeing to cancel some of the debt, big banks and hedge funds are demanding it all - plus interest. The global economy is turning into the wild west and cowboy lenders are getting away with the world's biggest stick up! To find out more and to help CAFOD stop this by contacting your local MP (using a pre-written email): <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/stop-cowboy-lenders>



Thanks and prayers - Many thanks for your support over the last few months through your donations, campaigning and prayers. Please keep our sisters and brothers in need and the work of CAFOD in your prayers during the summer. The CAFOD group wish everyone a relaxing and joyful summer break.

COMMUNITY GROCERY



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!

FOODBANK

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 £13,590 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. Donations for July totalled £60.



Enormous thanks to everyone.

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!

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 31ST JULY TO SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2023

Please note the changes this week.

Monday	<i>St. Cajetan</i> 9.30am St Mary's	Only one Mass today
Tuesday	<i>St. Dominic</i> 12.00noon St. John's 1.45pm Funeral Mass for Celia Cooke RIP at St Mary's	
Wednesday	<i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Lawrence</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	10.00am at St John's 2.00pm Funeral Service for Frances Hunt RIP at St Mary's
Friday	<i>St Clare</i> 11am Funeral Mass at Christ the King for Rosemary Bullen (RIP) 12 Noon Mass St Mary's	preceded at 11.30am to 11.55am by Exposition and Reconciliation.
Saturday	<i>Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major</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>Eighteenth 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

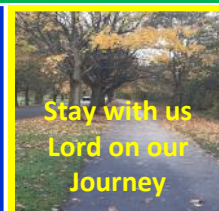
Exposition

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

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



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.



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