

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26TH JANUARY 2025 YEAR C

CARITAS SUNDAY

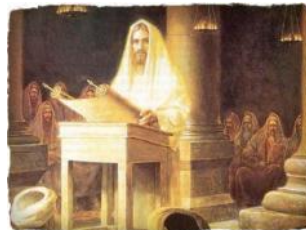


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- ♦ Christ the King
 - ♦ St Mary of the Assumption
 - ♦ St John the Baptist
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We are currently in Year C of the Sunday Lectionary and so we now begin the consecutive reading of Luke's Gospel. Luke places a real emphasis on the mercy of God manifest in Christ. Only in Luke will we find the parable of the Prodigal Son as well as the parable of the Good Samaritan. The symbol for Luke's Gospel is the winged calf, a symbol of sacrifice reminding us that Luke places emphasis on the sacrifice of Christ which reconcile the sinner, the poor, the afflicted and reaches out to Gentiles as well others who were considered as outcasts.

In today's Gospel, Jesus goes back to his home town of Nazareth and there



in the synagogue proclaims the Word of God. He reads the passage from Isaiah and claims it for himself, using it to announce a programme for his ministry. He says he has not been sent to the rich and powerful but instead to the poor, lowly, oppressed and suffering.

We are called to carry on this ministry of Jesus. We are entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel to the people of our own time, many of whom "live on bread alone". This daunting task is also a privilege for us to carry out. Like Our Lord we are given the Holy Spirit to help us with our task. The best way to preach the Gospel is by living an authentic Christian life.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE—THIS SUNDAY AT 12.00 NOON

The annual inter-faith service will take place this Sunday, 26th Jan at **12.00 noon in the Peace Garden** at the Central Library. This community prayer for peace and kindness to one another is much needed in our troubled world.

CARITAS SUNDAY—THIS WEEKEND 25/26TH JANUARY



This weekend celebrates the work of Caritas Salford, the principal domestic charity in our diocese. To support the Caritas Sunday Appeal again this year, **there will be a retiring collection after all the masses this weekend.** Last year the parish of the Good Samaritan raised the wonderful total of **£1010.44** to help support those experiencing poverty, homelessness, and disadvantage. Copies of the newsletter 'Love in Action', outlining just some of the difference your generous contributions helped make possible in the past year, will be available at the back of our three churches. Please visit the website: caritassalford.org.uk/YourSupportMatters for more information, and where you can make further contributions, either as a one-off donation, or to set up a direction debit.

Thank you for all your support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Bishop John will celebrate the Deanery Lenten Mass at St Mary's church on Thursday 27th March at 7pm. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Marko Egan, Michael Lord, Joseph Zephir, Shaun Patrick O'Brien, Keith Kershaw, Mavis Robinson, June Young, George Paily, Pat Petrolina, Fr Neil McNicholas, Dorothy Skinner,

Special Intentions: David Clark..

In Memoriam: For deceased family and friends.

BirthDay Memoriam: Mary Fleming, William Kelly.

Anniversaries: Winifred Aunger, John Kavanagh, Ireneo Ramos, Peter Macken, Louisa Macken, Michael Hephrun, Ann Conway, Kathleen Marshall, Catherine Kilday, Thomas Smith, Chris Ternent, Joseph Hoyle, Alice Glew, Eddie Campion.

Other intentions; Sr Maureen Moss's intentions, a family with problems, the relative of a man who is in pain, and unhappy after major surgery.



PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS

Many thanks to all those who came to the Thanksgiving Mass at St Mary's last Saturday. We are grateful for all those who have a role or a ministry within the parish. Special thanks to all those who used their ministry to make the Mass so beautiful and uplifting.

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 413127. Cost is £5 per person.

CAFOD NEWS—JANUARY 2025



The CAFOD group would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank parishioners for their generosity in 2024. **A total of £3,659 was donated** through our three churches. With direct debits and response to appeals CAFOD recently told us that in the 12 year to the end of November 2024, **individuals individuals donated £10,594!** The generosity of local people is remarkable and humbling. All these donations make a real difference to the lives of our sisters and brothers in need around the world.

Thank you so much again and God bless you.

HOME BLESSINGS WITH DEACON THEO

Thanks to those who have already had 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: Theosharrock@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

"BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS"

Whilst all gifts are appreciated but some come in multiples, or perhaps the wrong colour, or maybe they are just too small.....! There is a box at the back of St Johns where such gifts can be donated and then will be used for future Parish fund raising. All gifts are welcome and "Thanks"

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION JANUARY 2025 FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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 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 22nd January was number **43**. Congratulations to this week's winners: **St John's ~ rollover St Mary's ~ Teresa Christ the King ~ Rollover**
Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2025 TO SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Angela Merici</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i> 9.30am St Mary's	12.00 noon St John's
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7,00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>Weekday</i> 10.00am St John's	6.15pm St Mary's
Friday	<i>St John Bosco</i> 12.00 noon St. Mary's	preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation 11.30 to 11.55am
Saturday	<i>Weekday</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>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</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.



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.

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.

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 18/19 January was 1451.49 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.



Clergy Team

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