

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of: Christ the King St Mary of the Assumption St John the Baptist BURNLEY



NEWSLETTER

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16TH AUGUST 2026 YEAR A



In today's Gospel, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. After warmly greeting her cousin as the mother of my Lord, Elizabeth goes on to say; "Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Blessedness of those with faith is a central theme of the Gospel. It's not just a simple case of believing but of believing and acting on that belief. Mary is blessed not simply because she believed but because she acted on her belief. The very idea of desiring to visit her cousin to celebrate their respective Good News of having a child is very proof of Mary's faith in God. For Mary, her faith was something to call her into action.

The Gospel passage quotes from Mary's Magnificat. This is a prayer that the Church prays the end of each day as part of Vespers, (Evening Prayer of the Church). As we come to pray each day, we acknowledge with Mary the greatness of Our God who has done great things for us. In this prayer,



Mary, not only gives the greatest glory to God but also reveals who she is. She is the one whom "all generations" will call "blessed." And she is that lowliest of servants whom God has raised up to the greatest glory.

So today we reflect with the whole Church, upon the Most Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin, remained sinless throughout her life, and was taken body and soul into Heaven where she now adores God and intercedes for us and for the whole Church. This is a Solemnity of great rejoicing! So let us also resolve to Share in this joy with the whole Church and put our faith into action like Mary; let us also share her humility in recognising the hand of the Lord in our lives, may we also be people who never give up believe, but persevere even when our faith leads us to suffering. Even in such difficult moments may we trust the promise of the Lord to be with Mary and with all the saints in Heaven!

PARISH GARDEN PARTY - NEXT SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

Following the planning meeting, our annual Parish Garden Party will take place **next** Sunday 23 August 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. Afternoon tea and the Tombolas will largely be based in St Mary's Parish Rooms and the usual games including Spin the wheel, Spot the ball, knock the cans, Velcro darts and bonanza. Tickets for entrance to afternoon tea are £5 per person with accompanied Under 16's being admitted free, and are available from the back of each Church or from Seamus tel: 01282 420294

There is a box at the back of each of the three churches for anyone to donate items for the tombola stall. If we receive too many such gifts we would like to use them at another parish fundraiser.

Anyone wanting to pledge baking home-made cakes are to contact Barbara tel: 07930 508209

Please note there will not be any tea/coffee after Sunday Mass next Sunday at St Mary's as we are setting up the hall for the Garden Party. *Please try to support this fun annual event.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Cecelia Edmondson, David Hampson, Bernard Dugdale, Betty Goulding, Freda Argyle, George Thompson, Richard Broadelday, Michael Schofield, A. Allen, Gerry Magloughlin, Freda Argyle, Mary Young,

Birthday Memoriam: Tom Dacey, Alice Smith, Peter Giltrow,

Anniversaries: James Kinsella, Peter Keough, Denis Smith, Ronnie Smith, Elizabeth Gray, Michael Gill, Joseph Howarth, Margaret Wooller, James Hosty, William McLoighlin, Eillen Dickman, Ron Perry,

Other Intentions: Special int, Thanksgiving Mass for Aicez and Lance Domingo, Anne and Ray Whalley in thanksgiving or 60 years of marriage, Sr Anne Pilling (diamond Jubilee), In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart,

PARISH COACH TRIP TO ST ANNES ON SEA

A coach has been booked for our parish trip to St Annes on Sea, which will also incorporate the summer treat for the parish Altar Servers. This will take place on Tuesday 25th August and the cost will be £12.50 per person. We will be leaving after 9.15am Mass from each of the three churches. To reserve a seat please contact Lynne on 07850 048538, who will give details of how to pay and pick up times.



SOCIAL GROUP AT ST. MARY'S PARISH ROOMS



Our next social group at St Mary's Parish rooms will be on Thursday 20th August from 1.30pm. Please join us for table tennis, a quiz, darts, cards and most importantly a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit. All are welcome.

MEMORY SPACE AND MEMORIAL WALK IN SUPPORT OF MIND

On 8th October Christopher Whittle, a parishioner, is walking from Llandigai to Llas Ogwen on the Lôn Las Ogwen trail. He's walking in memory of his late brother Anthony Whittle who died on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs. Please support him with sponsorship in aid of mental health charity, Mind. Sponsorship forms are now available at the back of each of each of our three Churches.

Thank you

CAFOD NEWS— VENEZUELA APPEAL

The situation continues to be dreadful, so the need for your donations, if you are able, please use one of the following methods:

1) Donate online via the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal> **OR**

2) via phone by calling 0303 303 3030 (9.30am–5.30pm, M–F) **OR**

3) Make a cash donation in an envelope marked "CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal" and placing it the offertory collection.

Many thanks for all your support



AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AND LEARN

Can you help our less able, more isolated parishioners, please, by bringing Mass into their homes on Sundays (St Mary's 10.00am). It's a great opportunity to learn and add to your skills and knowledge, no matter what age. Our current team who stream our Sunday Masses can quickly teach you, sitting with you until you feel able to go solo. We have written guidance to reassure, and help you develop.

It's an impressive skill set easily learnt, no matter your current 'tech' knowledge.

Our streaming of Sunday Masses brings God's word, and a sense of belonging to our community to those who can't get to Mass every week, and you can bring this joy to our faith family.

Please talk to Fr David, or call Mike Morris on 07563 998 334 or email him via website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2026 For Evangelisation in the city.



Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME— IMPORTANT UPDATE

Thanks to all who support the Bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. Since changes to the National Lottery, **we will use the first of the two draws** as our source for our Bonus Ball. So in the light of the above information, the winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday was number **52** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ rollover

St Mary's: ~ Zoe

Christ the King: ~ rollover

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

CARITAS SALFORD HIKE FROM DOWNHAM—10Km or 5Km



Caritas Salford have organised a sponsored hike to raise funds for their work with the needy and disadvantaged in our diocese.

The hike will take place on **Saturday, 5th Sept**, with a shorter 5km route also being incorporated into the overall event, for those who would rather take on a more manageable distance. Both routes start and finish in the picture postcard village of Downham and after returning to the village refreshments can be obtained from the cafe on the village green, or from the pub opposite the church.

There is a leaflet with further details on the notice boards at the back of each of our churches and to register for the event please contact Caritas on: 0161 817 2250 and select option 1 for fund raising or email: fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

1ST OF THE MONTH AT ST JOHN'S

Thank you for all the joining in and help each Sunday and especially, on the first of the month where the 'extras' kick in, with this time the raffle raising £45 to Parish funds.



ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The March held in London on Saturday September 5th. There will be Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. At the nearby Emmanuel Centre there will be workshops and testimonies from 10.00am. There are specific activities / workshops for young children and teenagers.

There will be a peaceful march around Parliament from 1.30pm with speeches at 3.00pm.

Bishop John Arnold will be one of 15 Catholic bishops attending. More information is available from the official website <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/>



Prayers for the success of the March for Life are very much appreciated.

SVP PARISH CONFERENCE - WONDERFUL WORK

Eight children from our Primary Schools have just spent a holiday at an outward Bound Centre in Snowdonia fully paid for by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Between the 26th- 31st July they have enjoyed fun-filled days of outdoor activities, making new friends and no mobile phones in sight. For each child we sent our Conference donates a £100 towards their holiday. We would like to thank the Parish and the two separate gifts of a £100 each for their support in this venture. Eight very happy but tired children returned home with lots of tales to tell.

A massive 'Thank You' goes to our SVP team for all the great work they do in our name

FREE FIREWOOD FOR COLLECTION FROM ST MARY'S

Following some tree work on an unsafe tree at St Mary's, there is some firewood/logs suitable for a log burner available for collection. Please contact Andrew (07745491050) or Gunther (0777615530) for details and to arrange collection.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS OUTCOME FOLLOWING OUR PROTESTS

Can I thank those parishioners who responded to the consultation by letter and by signing the petition. Fr David, along with representatives from St Catherine's, local and County Councillors, recently met with BFC, Lancashire County Council, Burnley Borough Council and Lancashire Police.

The Police and BFC pointed out that discussion on the issue had been going on for the last 18 months and were triggered by the Police nationally divesting themselves from traffic management for events such as football matches (and Remembrance Day parades etc). It was acknowledged that earlier involvement with interested parties might have assuaged some of the dismay, concern and anger felt.

We received assurances that access to St Mary's car park would be preserved in that it was unlikely that Todmorden Road and Yorkshire Street would be subject to closure and there would be a soft closure on Belvedere Road between the Cricket Club and the Fire Station which would ensure access to Holcombe Drive. In effect, the only change from last season's approach is that responsibility for managing traffic to ensure safety of residents and supporters would rest with the Football Club, albeit working in concert with other statutory agencies, and the current road closure regime would be extended to include short stretches of Brunshaw Road and Higgin Street.

The Football Club and Lancashire County Council have issued a joint statement which covers most of the above points: [BURNLEY FC & LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STATEMENT](#)

MASSSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 17TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
	10.00am Funeral Mass at St John's for David Hampson RIP	
Wednesday	<i>St John Eudes</i> 9.30am Christ the King	NB Only one Mass today
Thursday	<i>St Bernard</i> 10.15am Funeral Mass at St John's for Catherine Millican RIP NB Only one Mass today	
Friday	<i>St Pius X</i> 9.30am St Mary's 10.00am Funeral Service at St John's for Richard Broadelday RIP NB No Exposition or Reconciliation today	
Saturday	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9.30 St Mary's 10.45 to 11.30am Exposition & Reconciliation at St Mary's 5.15pm to 5.55pm St John's Reconciliation and Exposition	
	Vigil Masses 6.00pm St. John's 6.30pm St. Mary's	
Sunday	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Christ the King: 9.15am 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 the Masses from Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)



FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES, OLD ENGLISH COINS AND NOTES, 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. Thank you to all those concerned which is greatly appreciated.

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.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION: The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 8th/9th August was £1483.02 for which many thanks.

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