

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



NEWSLETTER

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

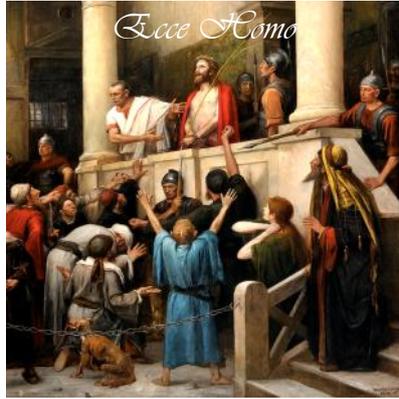
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Today is the feast of Christ the King and today's Gospel is set precisely at Calvary. This presents a somewhat challenging and profound view of what it means for Jesus to be King. There, amid the jeers of the crowd and the mockery of the rulers and soldiers, we see in Jesus a very different type of King.

Kingship is often associated with power, privilege and glory but Jesus manifests on the Cross the power of self-giving love. His "throne" is the cross, his "crown" is made of thorns, and his authority is exercised through compassion and love.

One of the two criminals crucified beside Jesus has a beautiful encounter with Jesus, humbly admitting his own guilt and Jesus' innocence, he offers a heartfelt prayer: "Jesus,



remember me when you come into your kingdom". Jesus' response to him is full of mercy and love a promise of intimate hope; "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise". The good thief recognised that true king-

ship is not about might, but about the radical love that can forgive and offer hope in the darkest moments.

To accept Christ as our King means we allow him to have power over all areas of our lives. It means embracing a life of humble service, recognising Jesus in the marginalised, the sick, the sinner, and the suffering. The Kingdom of Heaven is made present when we choose to live by his law of love. By embracing the way of the Cross we help build his Kingdom here on earth and look forward to entering Paradise in eternity.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

As it's the feast day for Christ the King this Sunday 23rd **please join us for refreshments** and say hello after 9:15 am Mass everyone welcome !

Please keep our parish community of Christ the King in your prayers as we celebrate their Patronal Feast Day.

HOLY SOULS ~ NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

Please place the names of your departed loved ones in an envelope at the back of church and it will be brought forward in a basket at the Offertory part of the Mass. **Please** do not include any money in these envelopes.

PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we pray this November. May these, and all who sleep in Christ find in your presence light happiness and peace.



MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Susan Ellis, Kath Braithwaite,

Anniversaries: William Cowell, Alan Holden, Harry Bolton, Elaine Curnd, Kathleen Kinsella, Jean McAulay, Robert Whittle, Anthony Joseph Whittle, Peter John Mason, Steven Greenwood,

Other intentions: Thanksgiving for M Dan, Celia, 100th birthday,

In Memoriam for Month of the Holy Souls: For Holy Souls, Mum and Dad, **all** deceased, Kilday family, Tressa Byrom, Owen and Sheila Doyle, Molly and Tom Farlong, Sadie and Paddy Flood, Joe and Mary Dillon, Dick and Maura Dillon, Tom and Margaret Doyle, Dolly and Jack O'Neill, Sheila and Jimmy O'Neill, Jean and Kenneth Clarke, Flo and Celia Stinclia, much loved parents and brother, The Moss family,

Birthday Memoriam: Cyril Minihan, Irene Moore,

AFTERNOON TEA AT ST MARY'S

This will take place in the parish Rooms on Wednesday 26th November at 12.30pm. The cost will be £6 per person. There is now a list at the back of St Mary's to use to book for this very enjoyable event. There will also be available a small Christmas gift stall. **If you have yet to pay, please contact Elaine as soon as possible.** For more information please contact Elaine tel 413127. **All are welcome.**

JOIN THE BIG COFFEE MORNING AT ST JOHN'S—NEXT SUNDAY

It's a "BIG" coffee morning on Sunday November 30th at St Johns - 11.45am onwards!! To celebrate the Season of Advent we've indoor games, a lucky dip, a big tombola with prizes that may come in handy for Christmas, a cake sale, and of course there's a raffle, all while munching on homemade delicious pizzas.

ADVENT TALKS: REFLECTING ON DILEXI TE

During Advent, we are pleased to present a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December. The venue will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, (Little Hulton) between 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS FOR ADVENT

These are now available at the back of all three churches.

SALFORD DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK

This is now available from each of the three churches price £5 This incorporates the Ordo as well as what was previously included in the Almamac.

WIN A TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE

The Medjugorje Irish Centre Free Prize draw. Prize for one person includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flights up to €300. To enter go to prize draw page on website www.med-irishcentre.com. WhatsApp No: 00447860 465386 WhatsApp No: 00387 63 630. 604 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com Website: www.med-irishcentre.com

The centre runs pilgrimages throughout the year—see the website for details and costs.

STRING QUARTET JUBILEE CELEBRATION

THANKS TO ALL WHO ORGANISED AND SUPPORT THIS MOST ENJOYABLE EVENT

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



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.

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME—WINNERS!



Thanks to all who have supported the bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. The winning Bonus ball for last Wednesday was number **10**. Congratulations to this week's winners:

St John's ~ Rollover

St Mary's ~ Maureen

Christ the King ~ Rollover

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

Unclaimed from last week: Geraldine S at St John's on Number 7. Please claim if possible.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH —INVITATION

Do you fancy a bit of company & Christmas cheer? If so please get in touch with either Mike on 07563 998 334 or Barbara on 07884 014 711. Alternatively, you could email us on Christmas@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk



A warm welcome is guaranteed! Individuals, couples and families are welcome.

The traditional Christmas dinner is free and starts at 2:00pm on Christmas Day at St Mary's Church Parish Rooms. **Please book early – places are limited and on a strictly first come, first served basis.**

We look forward to welcoming you on Christmas Day!

FR THEO'S JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

Fr Theo has an excellent and very readable article on the Diocesan website. It's a lovely insight into how our new Assistant Priest has followed his vocation. Enjoy and share his journey at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/fr-theo-sharrock/>

CAFOD NEWS NOVEMBER 2025

World Gifts: World Gift for Christmas catalogues are available at the back of each church. Please take a catalogue and consider treating someone to a gift that makes a difference to people's lives. Or check out the full range of gifts at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.



Harvest Family Fast Day The CAFOD group would like to thank parishioners for their wonderful generosity to the Harvest Family Fast Day appeal. An incredible £1,806.52 was raised by the appeal which CAFOD will use to improve the lives of people like Waré in southern Ethiopia. In addition, many parishioners may have donated directly to CAFOD or have monthly standing orders – the group is very grateful for everyone's generosity.

Please pray for the work of CAFOD and for our sisters and brothers in need.



KSC CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2025

Our hugely popular Christmas Cracker will be on Friday

SOLD OUT—SORRY

Christmas Cracker this year
12th December starting at 8.00pm at

THE CATENIAN ROSARY GROUP

Starting in 2002, The Catenian Rosary Group have asked people to donate rosaries to help in the Church's missionary work. From initial gifts to South Africa and Australia the donations have expanded across Africa and Asia, including the fledgling Church in Nepal, with help on transportation from Missio. **Over half a million rosaries have been donated in total!** The donations also go to prisons, but because of prison restrictions, money donations are more welcome,



The Catenian Burnley Circle is now **asking everyone to search for** and give unwanted rosaries and drop them in the boxes at the back of each church to further support this wonderful work.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST MARY'S

Sincere thanks to the Rotary Club of Burnley who have donated funds again to maintain our defibrillator at St Mary's church.

'THE MESSIAH' ON SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

The ever popular 'Messiah' will be performed by Burnley Municipal Choir. The performance will start at 7.00pm. Tickets are available from the Mechanics box office or directly from Maureen Howarth at treasurer@burnleychoir.co.uk or by calling 07971806157.

PART-TIME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR - ST WILFRID'S, LONGRIDGE

This is a permanent appointment working a flexible 12 hours per week, working at St Wilfrid's, Longridge. Salary: £13.23 per hour, 60 hours holiday per annum. Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

KSC WEEKLY QUIZ: Our next quiz night will be on Monday 24th November at 8pm in St Mary's parish rooms. Come and join the fun and evening with friends!

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.



MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Please note the changes this week

- Monday** *St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions*
9.30am St. Mary's
10.30am Mass at Christ the King School
- Tuesday** *St Catherine of Alexandria*
9.30am St Mary's **NB: Only one Mass Today**
- Wednesday** *Weekday*
9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's
- Thursday** *Weekday*
9.30am St Mary's 10.00am St John's
- Friday** *Weekday*
12,00 noon St Mary's preceded Exposition with Reconciliation 11.30am to 11.55am
- Saturday** *Weekday*
9.30am St. Mary's, Exposition with Reconciliation from 10.30am to 11.30am
- Vigil Masses**
6.00pm St. John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm
6.30m St. Mary's
- Sunday** **First Sunday of Advent**
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 (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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 15/16 Nov was £1267.40, for which, many thanks.

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