

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



## NEWSLETTER

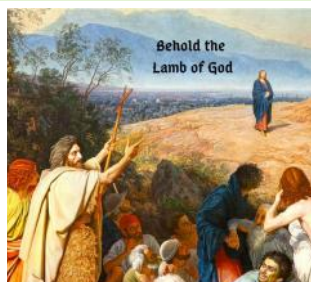
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The whole motivation behind God wanting to save those he created from their sin is a deep and personal love for each of us. That is why he is able to come among us as a innocent and vulnerable child

in order to redeem us from our sins. To call Jesus the Lamb of God is of course most fitting, with a lamb being a symbol of new life. Therefore, we can see something of the innocence of the one who is without sin coming among us. The first encounter we hear of with John and his disciples in today's Gospel, is really important. This is like the first spark of his mission. John is able to witness that Jesus is the Lamb of God having witnessed the Spirit like a dove



come down upon him at his baptism, as we heard about last Sunday.

The same grace and privilege is given to us who are Christians through our own baptism. We are the ones who have been

called through our baptism to profess the one who takes away our sins and the sins of the world". As we glorify Christ, God through him will glorify us. We are called to be children of the light and we are to show the light of faith and the light of Christ that is within us to the people we encounter. We are to try each day to keep the flame of faith alive in our heart, a light to burn brightly so that others may be drawn to catch that infectious love for Christ.

### VISIT TO THE PARISH OF THE FIRST CLASS RELICS OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

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#### **IMPORTANT: CALL FOR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS FOR THE VISIT OF THE RELICS**

Large numbers of visitors are expected for the visit and so we need volunteers to help steward the Church and the car park, especially for the events and Masses. We are asking all parish volunteers with a current DBS to consider assisting with this. There will be a **short information and training session in the Parish Rooms at St Mary's at 5:30pm on Friday 23rd January.**

### CARITAS SUNDAY — NEXT WEEKEND 24/25TH JANUARY

The weekend of 24/25th January celebrates the work of Caritas Salford -our diocesan charity - supporting adults and children experiencing poverty, homelessness, displacement and disadvantage. There will be an Appeal for Caritas Sunday after the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday Masses at each of our 3 churches, next weekend, to support the work of Caritas within our diocese.

Last year our parish of The Good Samaritan raised the wonderful amount of £1247.70, helping Caritas to continue providing both financial and practical support for those suffering hardship and disadvantage.

**Many thanks for your most generous and kind support.'**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Worden, Margaret Williams, Stanley Daley,  
Deceased Family and Friends of the Cavanagh  
Family,



**Anniversaries:** Thomas Smith,  
James Burns, Cyril Chadwick, Arturo  
Bartolata, Michael O'Brien, (1st Anniv)  
John Cavanagh, James Worden, Ian  
Stewart, Bob Smith, Margaret Schoble

**Other intentions:** In Thanksgiving

**Lately Dead:** Gary Townley, Michael Walsh,  
Sarah Philips, David Hargreaves, Nora Elaine  
Scott, Eileen Seddon, Eileen Duignan, Fr Tommy  
Mullen, Brian Crook, Marion Pickles, Fr Simon  
Bishop SJ, John Richmond, Monsignor Francis  
Frost, Andrew McGinty, Jennifer Taylor, Bill  
Hurtley

**In Memoriam:** Tressa Byrom, Kathleen

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026

We are now able to proceed with the Parish Sacramental Programme for the Baptised RC children currently in year 3 or above. The initial meeting for parents/carers only, will be held at St. Mary's Church at **6.30pm on Thursday 22nd January 2026**. During this information meeting, we will outline your child's Sacramental journey which will lead to the children being prepared to celebrate Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This meeting will also allow Parents/Carers to book their time slots for the next meeting, which will be a one-to-one appointment for the child and their Parents/Carers with a Priest and a Catechist.

The dates set aside for these early evening appointments are as follows: 26th January St Mary's children, 3rd February St John's children, 9th & 10th February Christ the King children. Following these one-to-one appointments, parents will then receive full details of all further meetings and celebrations. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. David.

### CAFOD NEWS – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 18TH JANUARY 2026

#### Please Send a Message to the Foreign Secretary about Sudan

After 1,000 days of conflict, Sudan has reached breaking point and is now the world's worst humanitarian and displacement crisis. But the world's governments — including the UK — have failed to respond with the urgency, leadership and determination needed.

CAFOD is working closely with partners to provide emergency food, cash vouchers for vulnerable families to buy essentials, water supply planning and repairs to latrines and support for people who have had to flee their homes. Alongside 12 other UK aid charities, CAFOD is calling on the Foreign Secretary, Yvette Cooper, to take urgent, concrete action to end suffering in Sudan. Please act today and add your voice to CAFOD's petition at <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/183860/petition> It only takes a minute of your time. It would be great if you are able to ask friends and family to consider signing the petition too. Thank you for all your previous support.

### SOCIAL EVENTS AFTER 10.45 MASS AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday refreshments after the 10.45am mass at St Johns are going well in the new venue of the "Upper Room" which can be found between the House and the Parish Hall. Our next 'First of the Month' is February 1st where we move into the Parish Hall. As the weather is still a little chilly we'll have games on the carpet with an offering of homemade soup to warm us through!!

### CATENIANS LUNCH INVITATION — BOOKINGS THIS WEEK PLEASE

Burnley Catenians are going to Dempsey's for lunch on Wednesday 28 January at 13:00 and would like to extend an invitation to parishioners. Food has to be pre-ordered from the lunch Bookings and menu choices to Michael Jones ( [michaelfranjones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michaelfranjones@hotmail.co.uk)) before 23 January, please. For your choices see the menu at:

[https://www.dineatdempseys.co.uk/\\_files/ugd/4145b6\\_fa4fd76f3077482fa70a936953a131e7.pdf](https://www.dineatdempseys.co.uk/_files/ugd/4145b6_fa4fd76f3077482fa70a936953a131e7.pdf)

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2026

#### For Prayer with the Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



### 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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### Wednesday 28th January

10:00am – **Opening Liturgy to Welcome the Relics**, including explanation of the relics.

After this time the Church will be open to the faithful for veneration

2:30pm – **Talk** on Eucharistic Adoration and Miracles: *"The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven."*

3:00pm – Adoration and open visits

6:00pm-6:30pm – **Talk:** *"St Carlo Acutis: An Ordinary Life Becomes Extraordinary"*

6:30pm – **Meditated Rosary** with Sayings of Saint Carlo Acutis

7:00pm – **Welcome Mass** for the Relics with Bishop John Arnold

8:00pm – Church closes

### Thursday 29th January

9:30am-3:30pm – **Closed for School Visits**

3:30pm – Open visits

4:30pm – **Talk on the Eucharist** followed by Adoration: *"The Eucharist is truly the Heart of Jesus."*

6:00pm – **Talk on Miracles and Graces of Saint Carlo Acutis:**  
*"I will give you signs that I am with God."*

6:30pm – **Meditated Rosary** with Sayings of Saint Carlo Acutis

7:00pm – **Thanksgiving Mass**

8:00pm – Church closes

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available during the times of public visiting. Following the Thanksgiving Mass the relics of St Carlo will be transferred to St Patrick's, Collyhurst where there will be further talks and Masses, the details of which can be found on the Diocesan Website

### ST CARLO ACUTIS—THE MILLENIAL SAINT



St Carlo was born and baptised in London in 1991 to an Italian family of largely secular practices. They moved to Milan where he grew up. He developed a faith, with particular devotion to the Eucharist. Carlo had the range of 'normal' boyhood interests like football and computer games. He also focused on developing his faith in a modern-day society. He led members of his family back into practice of the faith, and helped others to convert to Catholicism by his work as a Catechist. He had great interest in computers and IT and used this in many local projects. Later, he researched and created a website of Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. He used his skills to communicate on faith matters with other young people in 'their' medium. He died in 2006 from leukaemia aged 15. He has had two miraculous cures attributed to him, as part of the canonisation process, and he was canonised in 2025. He has quickly become known and loved by many people, and is patron saint of the internet.

### CALLING ALL GARDENERS (OR WOULD-BE) GARDENERS FOR ST MARY'S GROUNDS

To keep the grounds around St Mary's tidy and well maintained, the current team of gardeners would appreciate some help and support. This can be on a regular basis, whenever you have time or for a specific project. The work is varied and no pre-knowledge is required. Tools and advice are always available. Do you enjoy outdoor activities, or want to learn more about gardening, or add you current skills to the team please contact Andrew Carter (07745491050) or Gunther Schmitgen (07776155230) or talk to us after Sunday Mass at St Mary's.



### NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS—VOLUNTEER REGISTER—ACTION REQUIRED



It has been two years since the last survey, and it is now time to update our volunteer register, for all three churches. Forms are available at the back of each church. If you are involved in any activities or Ministries, kindly take a form, fill it out, and place it in the designated box at the back of the church.

**Thank you.**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 19TH JANUARY TO SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Wulstan</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>St Sebastian</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB: Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Agnes</i> 9.30am Christ the King	<b>NB: Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Vincent</i> <b>9.30am St John's</b>	<b>NB: Only one Mass today</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 12 Noon Mass at St Mary's preceded by Reconciliation and Exposition from 11.30 to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Francis de Sales</i> 9.30am St. Mary's followed by Exposition with Reconciliation from 10.30am to 11.30am	
	<b>Vigil Masses</b> 6.00pm St. John's preceded by Reconciliation with Exposition from 5.15 to 5.55pm 6.30m St. Mary's	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Third 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 (except before Funerals)



*Stay with us Lord on our journey*

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The annual memorial service of prayer and scripture readings will be next Sunday 25th January, starting at 11.00am in the Peace Garden outside Burnley Central Library. It is a multi-faith commemoration of the holocaust of World War II, and other similar horrific events since then.



### 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 **23**.  
Congratulations to this week's winners:

**St John's ~ Roy**

**St Mary's ~ Maureen**

**Christ the King ~ Rollover**

Please claim your prize from the appropriate sacristy.

### 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 10 and 11 Jan was £1379.29 for which, many thanks.

### Clergy Team

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