The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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

NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JULY 2026 YEAR A

In Today's Gospel we hear the parable of the wheat and the darnel. At the beginning of the growth process, both wheat and darnel look the same. Only as harvest time approaches do we notice a difference because they all grow together. The difference between the two then becomes apparent. In any relationship people enter a friendship or even a marriage with good intentions and it takes the test of time to work out what are the good bits and what are the bad. Everything in life needs the test of time to see what the reality is. There is no substitute for real life; like the weed and darnel growing together.

'Gather the weeds first and bind them .....but gather the wheat into my barn.'

Patience and acceptance of God's ways is the only way our lives can overcome evil in our world and in our lives. This involves prayer and faithfulness to God. This should lead to a deeper personal friendship with Christ, and this is always the best way to remove evil thoughts, words and actions from our lives.

Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon our lives, may we be careful and lenient in our thinking and our treatment of others. May we try to eradicate evil in the world and in our lives by beginning with ourselves. May we strive to repent, be faithful and obedient to the Gospel. We know that unless we do deal with the evil and bad aspects of our lives, then they will get the better of us. May we avoid writing other people off and condemning other because of their sins.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

Following last week's meeting, our annual Parish Garden Party will take place this year on Sunday 23 August 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. Afternoon tea and the tombolas will be based in St Mary's Parish Rooms The usual games including Spin the wheel, Spot the ball, Knock the cans. Velcro darts and Bonanza. Tickets for entrance to afternoon tea are £5.00 per person with accompanied Under 16's free, and will be available soon. There will be a box at the back of each of the three churches for anyone to **donate items for the tombola stall** . If we are receive too many such gifts we would like to use them at another parish fundraiser.
If you would like to **pledge baking home-made cakes** please contact Barbara on 07713 718 700 or 07930 508 209.

UNIFORMS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Do you have any unwanted school uniform items? We are collecting school uniforms from any school and in any condition to help local families affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Collection boxes labelled "School Uniform Collection" will be available at the entrances of all three churches. This is a joint project, led by The Rotary Club and Building Bridges in Burnley.

Thank you for your support and generosity

PARISH HIKE - THIS SUNDAY

The Parish hike will cover about five miles around Hurstwood and Gorple Moor t**his Sunday 19th July** We will be meeting at 12.45pm at Worsthorne village centre. Please bring walking boots, water, packed lunch

All welcome.

Masses and Other Services: Monday 20th July to Sunday 26th July 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday *St Apollinaris*

10.00am Funeral Mass at St John's for Rex Melling RIP

Tuesday *St Lawrence of Brindisi*

9.30am St Mary's **(See note on Page 2)**

Wednesday *St Mary Magdelene*

9.30am Christ the King **NB Only one Mass Today**

Thursday *St Bridget of Sweden*

9.30am Mass at St Marys

10.45am Funeral Mass at St John's for Ray Williamson RIP

Friday *St Sharbel Makhlouf*

12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am

12.45am Funeral Mass at St John's for Georgina Carroll RIP

Saturday *St James*

9.30 St Mary's 10.45 to 1130am 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 ***Seventeenth 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

(*A recording of the Mass should be available later from Sunday afternoon)

Stay with us Lord on our journey

Exposition:
There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before the Masses Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)

St Teresa of Kolkata about Holy Communion: *"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give you life. He is there so you can grow in love"*

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.

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

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.

Weekly Collection: The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 11/12uly was £1650.54 , for which many thanks.

Clergy Team

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MASS INTENTIONS

Lately Dead: Fr Peter McGiveron, Philomena Brennan, , Rex Melling, Ray Williamson, William Mansell, Agnes Graham, Linda Williams, Ann Cavanagh, Teresa Lagan, Mary Manning, Peter McGahan,

Other Intentions:: Mary O'Connor, Special Intention, Sr Maria Intentions, FMS community,

Birthday Memoriam: Christopher McKnight

Anniversaries: Peter Scaife, Canon Francis Deeney

CAFOD News – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th July 2026

CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal Continues - Three weeks after devastating earthquakes struck northern Venezuela, the emergency is far from over. Thousands of families remain without safe shelter, communities are still coping with missing family members, the loss of loved ones and little to no livelihoods, and the long road to recovery is only just beginning. Therefore, if you are able and you haven't already, please consider donating. Donations can be made by one of three ways, however, donating online is the preferred route as it ensures your money reaches CAFOD's trusted Venezuelan partners quickly:

1) Donate online via the CAFOD website at: https://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela

2) Donate via phone by calling CAFOD Supporter Care Team on 0300 999 0030 (calls are answered 9.30am–5.30pm, Monday–Friday)

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

Thanks for all your previous support and please keep the people of Venezuela in your prayers.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Charity Cycle Ride

The Lourdes Children and Families Trust has over 10 years experience of supporting families to enjoy pilgrimage holidays in Lourdes. We prioritise families with special needs who travel as part of a pilgrimage community of families creating memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

On 24th July, 27 cyclists will begin a 7-day ride from the north coast of France, cycling 830km to Lourdes. A further 6 will be cycling all the way from Salford Diocese to meet the main peloton in France. All cyclists are self-funding, have donated their own time and money to the cause and most will also act as volunteers during the pilgrimage..

Any donation you can make towards this cause would be grateful received. To donate please visit https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-walsh-4 or scan the QR code

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 **56** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ Fraser St Mary's: ~ Nora Christ the King: ~ Rollover

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

Funeral Mass of Agnes Graham RIP

The funeral Mass for Agnes will be celebrated in the parish on Tuesday 21st July, however it was the express wishes of Agnes that her Funeral Mass be attended only by her family. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

KSC Events at Nelson KSC Club — BOTH THIS WEEK!

There are some great events on the horizon, and everyone is warmly invited to come along and support the work of the Knights of St. Columba.

Inter-Parish Quiz Night Friday 24th July starting at 8.00pm.Current champions: Parish of the Good Samaritan. There will be FREE pie and peas for all participants.

British Heart Foundation Charity Afternoon on Sunday 26th July. Entertainment by vocalist Mike Lester. £3 admission. Have enjoyable afternoon while helping to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July 2026

For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.