

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



## NEWSLETTER

### FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL

28TH JUNE 2026 YEAR A



Today is the feast of Ss Peter and Paul, two great saints chosen by Christ to change the direction of their lives in order to form the very foundations of the Church and its mission in the world.

Simon Peter was a fisherman from Capernaum, near the Sea of Galilee. He was with Jesus from the outset of his ministry. His name was changed by Jesus to Peter to be a rock for the Church because Jesus saw within him his strong faith. His faith was a great source of strength for the Early Church.

Saul of Tarsus was a Jewish Pharisee, a skilled tent-maker, well educated and very devout in his religious practice. He never actually met Jesus but was persecuting the early Christians because he believed they were a threat to his



Jewish faith. He became Paul the great missionary after his conversion experience on the Road to Damascus. He became a missionary whose main aim in life was to share the Good News that had transformed his life so dramatically.

They both were martyred in Rome for their faith, so we give thanks for the faith of these two great heroes of the Church. Today we celebrate the gift of our faith, which has the Apostles as its foundation. We pray that we may, like Ss Peter and Paul, be open to be called by the Lord to respond to his invitation, to be formed by his love, to change the direction of our lives accordingly: and to be sent out into the world to spread the Good News that everyone matters to God

#### PARISH ACTION REQUEST—DEADLINE THIS WEEK!

**PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH THIS WEEKEND - DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY**

Please see Page 3 of the Newsletter. Lancashire County Council has a proposal which will have an adverse impact on the parish, and your action is needed. Please get busy even if you sign the petition! Your letter or email must be there by **Friday this week** (3rd July).

#### SUMMER EVENING BRASS BAND CONCERT - ADMISSION FREE! - THIS WEEK!



We welcome back the ever-popular BMP (Europe) Goodshaw Brass Band who will present a concert on **Thursday 2nd July 2026, starting at 7.30pm in St Mary's church**. There's a programme of mixed music to suit all tastes from the rousing to the gentle, the sacred to swing! **Admission is free** and there will be cakes and refreshments and a raffle available. Join us for a wonderful evening of music in a beautiful setting.

#### 'FIRST OF THE MONTH' NEXT WEEKEND

Our "First of the Month" continue at St Johns on Sunday July 5th after the 10.45am mass. We will then be in the middle of Wimbledon and a certain World Cup so the Swingball and Footy nets will be in full swing with refreshments and 'deuce' in the Parish Hall!! **Come and Join the Fun!**

#### ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING CANCELLED—NEXT SUNDAY 5TH JULY

The children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion will have their Thanksgiving Mass at the 10.00am Mass next Sunday and will have their celebration party St Mary's in the Parish Rooms afterwards. The Coffee Morning and the Home Produce Stall are cancelled for one week only.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Fr Peter McGiveron, Patricia Whittaker, William Mansell, Nilda Abayon Anot, Rolly Felamine, Rene Sibugan,

**Other Intentions::** For a Successful Operation

**Birthday Memoriam:** Carolyn Vassallo

**Anniversaries:** Mary Fleming, Celia Moss, Agnes Mulrooney, Martin Francis Mulrooney, Stanley Daley, Ellie Parr (1st Anniv) Josie Harrison,



### CAFOD NEWS – SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES – 28TH JUNE 2026

**CAFOD Global Debt Crisis Campaign Petition** – The CAFOD group wish to thank everyone who signed the Debt Crisis petition at our parish Masses last weekend. The petition was supported by 232 parishioners, a terrific total. We will now send an associated CAFOD campaign postcard to our local MP, Oliver Ryan, letting him know that 232 people in our parish have supported the call for action on the debt crisis. The postcard will also be urging him to contact the Prime Minister, ahead of the UK hosting the G20 Summit next year, calling for more ambitious action on the debt crisis. The group will also be sending the signed petition sheets to CAFOD's Head Office. Anyone who missed the petition signing event last weekend can still add their support to it online via CAFOD's website: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition/1>



**The CAFOD group always welcomes new members.** (It was a bit of a struggle for us last weekend collecting all those signatures!) If you would like to get involved and make a difference to the lives of people in need around the world please contact Dominic, Paul or Mary if you see them around the parish in the coming weeks. Alternatively, you can call Dominic on 07999 512102.

### DATES FOR NOTING; DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN NEARER THE TIME.

- ◆ **Social and fundraising Meeting to plan the Parish Garden party** will be at St Mary's presbytery on Tuesday 14th July at 7pm. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Parish day trip to St Anne's** Tuesday 25th August.
- ◆ **Parish hike around Hurstwood and Gorple Moor** The five-mile hike will be held on Sunday 19th July meeting at 12.45pm at Worsthorne.

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

**St John's: ~ Anne-Marie    St Mary's: ~ Christine    Christ the King: ~ Rollover**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

### KSC EVENTS AT NELSON KSC CLUB

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. We would love to see more churches and parish teams taking part – the more the merrier! Plus, there will be FREE pie and peas for all participants.

**British Heart Foundation Charity Afternoon** on Sunday 26th July with entertainment by the fantastic vocalist Mike Lester. £3 admission on the door Come along for an enjoyable afternoon while helping to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

### BLESSED TRINITY PRESENTS 'ANNIE'



Our very talented Blessed Trinity students are once again putting on a show at Burnley Mechanics. This year we will be treated to Annie from 8-10 July. Tickets are available from the Mechanics box office and online. Come and support our wonderful students.

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

**For the values of sports**



Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Thanks all who made Thursday's celebration of confirmation at St Mary's run smoothly. Special thanks to Bishop John., the priests of the Deanery, The singers and musicians and the catechists who have helped to prepare the young people for this important moment in their lives.



## STRUNG SONG SUPPER 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - FULLY BOOKED

Thanks to all who have booked to take part in this event on Friday 3rd July. All tickets for this event have now been sold and we look forward to the prospect of a great gathering of people at St Dunstan's Moston.



## REQUEST FOR PARISHIONERS' SUPPORT AND ACTION

### PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH THIS WEEKEND - DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY

Lancashire County Council have made a proposal that will have a huge adverse impact on the parish, its services, and its income. It especially impacts on St Mary's. They plan to close the road for two hours before each football match until one hour afterwards. Both Saturday and Sunday Masses will be effected—in fact the Saturday evening Mass will cause acute access problems every match-day.

We request **all** parishioners to please write to Lancashire County Council and to the MP Oliver Ryan to object to proposals for road closures on certain matches for Burnley FC at Turf Moor. Please feel free to put in your own thoughts as well but the salient points are as listed (underlined) below.

Please ensure you include your full name and address and to sign the letter. Start your letter / email with the reference: Ref LSG4/104438/AFR.

Attention of Heloise MacAndrew,  
Director of Law and Governance,  
PO Box 100, County Hall,  
Preston, PR1 0LD,

OR email [tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk)

**Deadline: 3rd July— This Friday please act to add weight to the protest.**

Oliver Ryan MP  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA  
Email: [oliver.ryan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:oliver.ryan.mp@parliament.uk)

**Our website has this information and if you need you can 'copy and paste' from it, and add your own comments as well..**

Lancashire County Council's proposal is to do the following;

*Re; Item 3 a;*

*Introduce a Prohibition of driving on Match days (from 2 hours before the start of the match until 1 hour after the end of the match, not to exceed 8 hours within a 24 hour period), when determined to be required in the following lengths of road: Todmorden Road, Burnley from its junction with Yorkshire St/Harry Potts Way to its junction with Lyndhurst Road.*

This proposal would impact the parish very seriously, as well as (among others) organisations like nearby St Catherine's C of E church and the Borough's Registry office which are both located on Todmorden Road.

The first issue is why this has become necessary? It has never before been required in over 100 years. Traffic has always been slowed but people and police have always managed without such measures.

The negative impact to us, as well as the 30 plus residents of neighbouring Townfields apartments as well as the Franciscan Convent, would be the following:

Preventing Priests' Essential Ministry to the sick and dying: The two priests of the parish would not have access to / from outside. They need access to Todmorden Road at all times in order to carry out their ministry, especially to respond to urgent "sick calls" across all of the parish as well as to Blackburn and Burnley Hospitals, often ministering the Sacrament of the Sick to the dying.

Preventing Religious Practice: the proposal would prevent access to our car park and therefore access to the church for Mass, weddings, baptisms etc. **All** of our Saturday services and Sunday games with a kick-off time of 12.00 or 2.00pm would be impacted. This could prevent people from worshipping and practising their faith. We have an aging community, many have severe mobility problems and cannot walk distances.

Causing loss of important income: Preventing vehicles to come and go on our large church car park which is used on match days by home and away supporters and, through use of parishioners who are volunteers, is a good service to the football club and through the donations, is a significant fundraiser for the parish.


Denying Professional Medical / Caring Service to sick and older people: Both Townfields and the Franciscan Convent have many sick people, and others in need of professional care. Those professionals are usually on very time-limited assignments, and often delivering essential, even life saving aid. They would not be able to have that access as parking nearby would be impossible.

Please end your letter with a request that they withdraw the proposal.

**Thank you**

## MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 29TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026

Please note the changes this week

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>First Martyrs of Rome</i> 9.30am St Mary's <b>11.00am Funeral Service at St Mary's for William Mansell RIP</b> 12.00 noon St John's	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Oliver Plunkett</i> 9.30am Christ the King	<b>EXPOSITION:</b> There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before the Masses Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am St. Mary's	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Thomas</i> 12.00 noon St Mary's preceded by Exposition and Reconciliation from 11.30 to 11.55am	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i> 9.30 St Mary's ( <i>See item below</i> ) 10.45 to 11.30am Exposition & Reconciliation at St Mary's 5.15pm to 5.55pm St John's Reconciliation and Exposition	
<b>Vigil Masses</b> 6.00pm St. John's 6.30pm St. Mary's		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b><i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> 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*

### A THANK YOU TO TREVOR IRELAND— SATURDAY MASS

On **Saturday Morning 9.30am Mass at St Mary's on 4th July** we will say thanks to Trevor for his dedication to our parish in so many different ways. He will be moving out of the area at some point in the summer and Trevor at the end of Mass. The Mass will be followed by coffee and cake in the parish rooms for all present. The young adults from the newly formed parish YCW group are involved in planning and organising this event. All are welcome.

### 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 20/21 June for £1672.16, 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

### Clergy Team

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