

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley

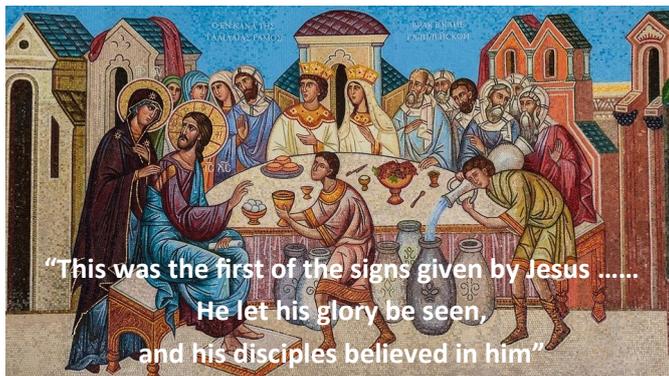


## NEWSLETTER

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**16TH JANUARY 2022**      **YEAR C**



### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"This was the first of the signs given by Jesus .....  
He let his glory be seen,  
and his disciples believed in him"

The Scriptures quite often turn to the image of bride and groom to describe the relationship between God and his people. In describing the joy which the Lord God finds among his people, it uses the image of a wedding feast. Because of all the powerful memorable and well known imagery it was no surprise really that Jesus should begin his public ministry, and perform his first miracle at a wedding feast. The

symbol of changing water into wine was changing old into new. He was to make everything new by what he proclaimed and did in his ministry. In this first sign, we see something of the warmth of the heart of God, as well as his compassion his generosity and his love.

Mary's intervention by involving her Son Jesus, saved the day from being an unforgettable disaster. It also points the way for Jesus to unveil, albeit to just a few people, who He really is.

Today we are reminded of the faithfulness of God for his people, in the way Jesus changed water into wine at Cana which also renews us in his love. May the Lord give us the grace to believe always what is true, to hope in his mercies and also to love as he commands.

### LIVE STREAMING—CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ONCE A FORTNIGHT!



Our live stream is a vital, and sometimes the only connection for many of the people in the parish, who, for whatever reason cannot attend Mass on Sundays. Thanks to our new recruit who has stepped forward, and we need another person to help on the live stream team for an hour or two every alternate Sunday. It's not too hard and it's a new skill, a new insight into how we live-stream services. Full training and lots of support given.

Occasionally we need help with week-day services, (eg funeral Masses, weddings, etc) which is again an invaluable service to many at home and abroad - even if you cannot help on a Sunday, but are available during the week when you might be needed? You'll be joining a small, friendly team, giving a great service! If you think you may be interested and would like to know more, please have a chat Mike Morris on 07929 451 566 or email him at [website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk](mailto:website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk).

### A MARRIAGE PRAYER

*Lord, thank you for the blessing of marriage, for the love of my spouse and the joy of our friendship. Thank you for the security of our commitment to one another, and the comfort of our trust.*



*Please bless our relationship today with love and tenderness. Help us to support and care for one another. Lord, come and lead us now with your spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Robert Massey, Brian Bennett, Jean Wilkinson, Patrick Terence O'Brien, Thomas Ralph Taylor, Tina Heffernan, Stephen Gleeson, Sr Norbert, Pat Baker, Philip Barnes, Marina Finn, Myra Walne.

**Anniversaries:** Cyril Chadwick, Thomas Smith, Leanna Oliver, Joseph Moore, David Hartley, Alan Beckett, Ian Stewart, Bob Smith.

**Birthday Memoriam:** Monica Atherton, Michael Reynolds, Sally Lalor, Seamus Lalor, Rita Lowe.

**in Memoriam:** Winnie Newham, Winifred Edmondson, David Shapcott.

**Other intentions:** Clergy of the Good Samaritan parish, Alan and Marie McClelland, Donor's Intention.



### PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES WEEK 17TH JANUARY 2022

We are back, nearer to a 'normal week of Masses and Services (except Monday), but please look at the website in case there are any changes become necessary.

<b>Monday</b>	<i>St Anthony</i> 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Brian Bennett RIP at St John's 7.00pm Christ the King
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King 12.00noon St John's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>St Wulstan</i> 9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>St Sebastian</i> 9.30am Christ the King 10.00am St John's
<b>Friday</b>	<i>St Agnes</i> 9.30 St John's 10.00am Christ the King
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>St Vincent the Deacon</i> 9.30am Christ the King <b>Vigil Masses:</b> 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm Christ the King
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9.15am and 5.00pm Christ the King 9.30am** and 11.00am St John's **9:30am Mass will be live-streamed

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each of the weekday Masses.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION

There will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday 22nd Jan as follows: 10.30—11.30am at Christ the King 5.15—5.55pm at St John's  
There is also Exposition starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

**CHURCH STEWARDS:** Huge thanks to our stewards who make attendance at church during the pandemic. Please call Fr David if you would like to join this invaluable team.



### SEMINARIAN PLACEMENT



Carmine Rea, the seminarian has been really enjoying his short placement with us and leaves us on Wednesday. We thank Carmine for what he has contributed to the parish and we promise to keep him in your prayers.



Stay with us Lord on our journey

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

Our individual church bank accounts **was closed at the end of November**, Please, could those who contribute to St Mary's, Christ the King and St John's by Standing Order, kindly contact your bank and inform them that the payment should now be made as follows:

Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust :The Good Samaritan Parish.  
Sort Code: 205558 Account number: 50404640



**Thank you.**

## VANDALISM AT ST MARY'S—WHAT WE MUST DO

Many people will know about the teenage boys have been creating a nuisance on the St Mary's site. Perhaps most worryingly, they have been scrambling up the scaffolding and onto the church roof, which literally puts their lives at risk. They have thrown stones at people who have asked them to stop, and threatened damage to them and their vehicles, they have broken all windows in the Parish Rooms. They also misbehave around the Vincent Farrell Centre, again risking their well-being by climbing on the roof. The Centre which has only recently been renovated after a serious break-in involving a huge amount of damage.

We consulted the police and **their advice is emphatically to call them when you see something**. Do not get involved with the young people. **But DO phone the police**.

**Call 999 or 101 to inform the police.** Tell the response officer:

- ~ what you have seen                      ~ the risk to the children and others
- ~ your fear and anxiety                      the need for **action**

Tell the person that the Neighbourhood sergeant has said:

- ~ **the police want you to make this call**, and    ~ you **must** get an Incident number

**Making the call is a positive step.** When we do make the calls we will help the children get the support to lead them to better opportunities in life, have the police manage the situation, help us all to live more safely and more comfortably.

**You** can bring the necessary care to these children. **You** can make our lives safer and worry-free

**But you must make the calls**

**Thank you.**

In addition to the telephone calls, the police strongly recommend getting in touch with 'Stay in the Know'. This adds to the record of the incidents, and is particularly focussed on bringing the Neighbourhood officers—the parish's PCSO's into the activities. To do this you

- ♦ send a text message to the PCSO on 07966 887524, or
- ♦ email to david.cozens@lancashire.police.uk ('Our' PCSO is David Cozens).

## MODERN SLAVERY AND EXPLOITATION

Please look at the Caritas page on the parish website (click on "Home" then "Caritas"), to see some further material which has just been added on this terrible evil activity.



## FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



A range of things will lead to more pressure on people's personal finances, and sadly the need for the Foodbank is likely to grow, so the appeal has to continue. There are lots of places where you can drop off actual groceries—non-perishables please unless it's oranges. All the 'big' supermarkets and Spar shops have drop-off points, as do Barclays, Lloyds, and Nationwide banks in the town centre. Why not choose a few extra pieces with your weekly shopping, if you can afford, and help families in great need.

You can also contribute online (via Blessed Trinity at <https://tinyurl.com/BlessedTrinityJustGiving> by making one-off or monthly payments. Congratulations to Blessed Trinity—their **Just Giving webpage has passed the £10,000 marker!! Well done young'uns!!** You can donate cash at St John's Presbytery, drop it off in a clearly marked envelope. This led to **£225.00** being donated during December. **Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

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