

# The Parish of the Good Samaritan

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

Burnley



## NEWSLETTER

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**1ST MAY 2022**      **YEAR C**

### FR DAVID'S REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

According to the Gospels, Peter is effectively called twice by the Lord to follow him. The first call occurred at the start of the Lord's ministry, and the second occurred after the Resurrection and was the one we hear in today's Gospel.

There were three years between those two callings. During those three years lots had happened to Peter who had discovered a lot about whom it was he had been called to follow. He also discovered a fair bit about himself too. When the second call from Jesus came, Peter was wiser, more mature and more enlightened.

Peter's three denials of Our Lord are well documented but perhaps not so well known are the "three yeses" that Peter says to the Risen Jesus on the shore of the Lake. There is always an awkward-



*Peter was upset ....and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.'*

ness when reconciliation is needed after difficulties between two estranged friends.. Jesus had predicted Peter would deny him and so is very aware of what of Peter has done to him out of fear. However in

today's Gospel, Jesus masterfully helps Peter to move on from his mistakes and failings so he can be empowered to lead the Church in the future.

Peter's story shows that Christ's calling does not exclude possible falls. The call from the Lord has to be heard many times and responded to many times. Each day a part of the chosen path opens up before us, a part that we have not walked along before. May we also have courage to say yes to the Lord to love him and his flock, our brothers and sisters. This us the way that each of us respond daily to the Lord's invitation to serve him.

### SERVICE FOR PEACE—THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to come together to pray for peace across our world. The Service will take place at Christ the King church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. It will include:

- ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ~ Short, thoughtful readings ~
- ~ Relevant quotations from the Gospel
- ~ Time for personal prayer.

All are welcome.



### DEANERY WALK IN THE EASTER SEASON

Priests and people from the parishes of our deanery are walking to St Mary's, Burnley on Saturday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> May. Our role in the event be will greet them with light refreshments from 2pm in the parish room and then Fr David will lead us in a short liturgy in St Mary's church at 3.30pm.

**Please volunteer to help with refreshments and hospitality by contacting Fr David tel 422007**

**Thank You!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Lately Dead:** Haris Dean (aged 5yrs) Margaret Hope, Mary Fleming, Deacon Jack Foxall, Jack Devine, Linda White, Winifred Dempsey, Elsie Long.

**Other intentions:** Sr Mary Butler FMSJ, John Morgan's intentions.

**Anniversaries:** Alice Fortune, Fred Dixon, Mary Walsh, Michael Reynolds, Bob Thomas, Maureen Ghee, Gerard Keough, Harry Giltrow, Maureen Tiernan, Winifred Towler, John Bainbridge, Dougie Clegg, Joan Lawrenson,, Mary McLoughlin, Sarah Gaughan,.



### ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS—VOLUNTEERS

The coffee mornings after the 10.00am Mass were hugely popular, and a great source of companionship, fellowship and laughter. We would like to get them going again, **BUT** we need volunteers. So, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, please step forward. We can all make a cup of tea or coffee, so don't say 'Oh, I couldn't do that...'. You can(!). With enough volunteers you would only be needed once every three or four weeks. If you can at all help, please call Maureen on 07807 184 743. You'll find fun and friendship by being in a team!

### SUNDAY SINGERS AT ST JOHN'S 10.45 MASS

The Good Samaritan 10.45am Sunday Singers are on the move - to the FRONT of church and if you enjoy singing you are very welcome to move closer. Our aim is to begin singing, hopefully in the right key, along with the live and recorded music to help all to be able to join in! There's also vacancies for any musical instruments you may like to bring along. We also have a pool of parish instruments available - recorders, keyboard, guitar and even a cello!!



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR MAY

#### Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Stay with  
us Lord  
on our  
journey



### ST MARY'S GIFT-AID AND NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES



The envelopes will be available for collection at the 10am Mass after St Mary's for the next few weeks. It does not matter if your weekly envelopes are a bit late, please be assured that your donations will still be gratefully received. Tax-payers should consider using Gift Aid envelopes which are numbered 1 to 50: non-tax-payers please use the envelopes numbered 51 to 80. Please ensure that if you take Gift Aid envelopes, that you also collect, complete and return to the presbytery a gift aid declaration form. For more information please contact Maureen on 07971 806 157.

### 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.**



### COVID GUIDANCE IN OUR CHURCHES

*In accordance with Advice from the Bishops of England and Wales we have very recently introduced some relaxations to Covid regulations in the parish:*

- ~ We continue to request that adults wear face coverings and sanitize their hands before entering church.
- ~ Holy Communion can again be received in the hand or in the mouth.
- ~ Our stewards will continue to welcome us and cleanse the church.
- ~ The Distribution of Holy Communion will revert to how it was pre-Pandemic (i.e. Processing from the front and unsupervised by the stewards)
- ~ Please say 'Amen' when receiving Holy Communion.

## REOPENING OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Thanks to the 20 strong cleaning team who helped so enthusiastically to get St Mary's ready for the joyful reopening last Sunday Morning. It was great to welcome back so many people after the 10 month temporarily closure. Thanks also to the ladies who provided refreshments as well as to the Catenians for funding them.

Thanks too to Fr David for all his work with the Diocese, the architects and builders, etc. He demonstrated great patience with them, and enormous tolerance and kindness to the young people who have been so disruptive during the time of the closure. He led and delivered the work successfully, which was topped off with a joyous celebration of the 'return' Mass last week-end.  
Thank you

## CAFOD NEWSLETTER

**Happy Easter** – The CAFOD group want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and blessed Eastertide. We hope you all were able to celebrate the Risen Lord with your families and enjoy the spring sunshine.



**Lent Appeals** – Thanks so much for your very generous support of CAFOD during Lent. The single CAFOD Soup Kitchen raised a terrific £204 and the parish 'Walk Against Hunger' at Towneley resulted in a brilliant £245 being raised. Many thanks to all those who took part, attended or contributed in any way. The final grand total for our parish Fast Day collections and Lenten fundraising will follow soon.

**CAFOD Campaigns** – 1) 'Cancel the Debt': Zambia is in the middle of a huge debt crisis. Yet BlackRock, a private asset management firm, one of the country's biggest lenders, refused Zambia's request to suspend debt repayments during the pandemic. Help Zambia by signing a petition urging BlackRock CEO, Larry Fink, to cancel their debt:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/103655/petition/1>

2) 'Fix the Food System': The global food system is broken. It does not work for those who work the hardest – small farmers – and it is a major driver of the climate emergency. Millions going hungry, while large agri-businesses make huge profits. Email the Foreign Secretary, Liz Truss, using a pre-written email, asking the UK government to implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first. To get involved follow the link:

## KSC CHARITY CONCERT



A recent item in the Newsletter showed how the Knights recently raised over £4,000 for charities. They now present a Fundraising Concert featuring the top vocal star Alex Gardner on Friday 20th May at 8.00pm The KSC 110 Club, Yorkshire St, Burnley. Tickets £6.00 (incl light refreshments). To get the tickets for a good night out at a great price contact

Bernard on 07800 867554 or Pat on 07947 151 931. Enjoy!

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. For information please contact our Deanery organiser: Andrea Braithwaite 07956218632

**Young persons pilgrimage to Walsingham:** will be on 6th to 7th May. This costs £50 and is for young people in Years 7, 8 and 9. The price includes travel and overnight accommodation and joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage on the Saturday. Please see flier at the back of church and for more information please contact Lorraine at the Diocesan Youth Office

### Daily Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*As the days and weeks pass it is clear that the need for peace in the world is great, and at the same time there is little sign that it*



*will happen through worldly means. A parish-ioner has suggested that we each ask God's help for the situation in Ukraine by saying to Our Father at 9.00pm every evening. Until the war ends. Please join in!*

## HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Following the end of "lockdown", Eucharistic Ministers are now once more able to visit people in their own home in order to give Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to come to church. All our ministers have been DBS checked and will have taken precautions to ensure they do not carry the COVID virus. If you know of anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion, please ask the person's permission and then give their name, address and phone number to either of our priests. We will then make contact by phone to arrange when we can visit.



## PUBLIC MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES 2ND TO 8TH MAY 2022

With St Mary's open it means that **there are significant changes** to the location and timing of the Masses and services. **Please check carefully** to ensure that you are not disappointed or at the wrong church!.

**Monday** St Athanasius

9.30am St Mary's

**Tuesday** *Ss Philip and James*

12.00 Noon St John's

**Wednesday** *English Martyrs*

9.30am Christ the King 7.00pm St John's

**Thursday:** *Easter Weekday*

10.00am Funeral Mass for Margaret Hope RIP at Christ the King.

6.30pm Mass at St Mary's

**Friday** *Easter Weekday*

12.00 Noon St Mary's

**Saturday** *Easter Weekday*

9.30am St Mary's

**Vigil Masses:** 6.00pm St John's 6.30pm St Mary's\*\*

**Sunday:** *Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday*

9.15 and 5.00pm Christ the King St Mary's 10.00am\* 10.45am St John's

\*The 10.00am Mass will be live-streamed on the parish website.

### Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before each weekday Mass (Mon—Fri), except before Funerals.

*"The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer"*

*Pope Paul VI*

### RECONCILIATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be three opportunities for Reconciliation at the same time as there being Exposition:

Fridays ~ 11.30 to 11.55am at St Mary's

Saturdays ~ 10.30 to 11.30am at St Mary's

Saturdays ~ 5.15pm to 5.55pm at St John's (new)

### PRAYER DURING ILLNESS

*Father, we thank you for walking with us through our days. We confess that we don't understand why the things of this life happen as they do. We don't understand why illness comes into our lives, but we do know, and we thank you that you always walk every path of life with us. Amen*

### FOODBANK—GIVING IN CASH OR IN KIND!



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 £11.600 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 **£70.00** being donated during February.

**Thank you all for your great and continuing generosity.**

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