

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



NEWSLETTER

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD AUGUST 2026 YEAR A



Perhaps St Peter's greatest moment is that featuring in today's Gospel when asked who Jesus is, he answered that he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus knows that such depth of knowledge was pure gift and could only have come from his Father. When we think of St Peter, our first thoughts might be that of him denying the Lord three times just after Jesus is arrested.

A humble Peter surely made him a better leader, perhaps because he knew that without the grace of God in his life, he really could mess up again. We can often home in on the weaknesses and mistakes of others rather than home in on their qualities, successes and achievements. However, we would not want someone to just think of our mistakes and dark moments in judging us. But we can be inclined to do just



that that and we can often write off people and that's not just.

Let us instead think of what Jesus did with Peter trusting him as the rock and giving him the keys of the kingdom. At the heart

of our faith is forgiveness and reconciliation. This encourages giving people another chance when they wrong us. It also helps people to learn from their mistakes and to grow through them and to become the person God wants then to become.

So as we reflect on the life and faith of St Peter let us think about who Jesus is for us. May we also have the courage and faith like Peter to admit our failings, our dark moments and to swallow our pride and have the humility and courage to know that with God's help, we can do better than what we have done in the past.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY - TODAY 23RD AUGUST

Our annual Parish Garden Party takes place **today**, Sunday 23 August 2026 from **2pm to 4pm**. Afternoon tea and the Tombolas will largely 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 per person with accompanied Under 16's being admitted free, and are available from the back of each church. *Please try to support this fun annual event.*

Please note there will not be any tea/coffee after Sunday Mass at St Mary's today as we are setting up the hall for the Garden Party.

PARISH COACH TRIP TO ST ANNES ON SEA

A coach has been booked for our parish trip to St Annes on Sea, which will also incorporate the summer treat for the parish Altar Servers. This will take place on Tuesday 25th August and the cost will be £12.50 per person. We will be leaving after 9.15am Mass from each of the three churches. To reserve a seat please contact Lynne on 07850 048538, who will give details of how to pay and pick up times.



MASS INTENTIONS

Michael Hope, Alan Oldham, Anthony Moore,
Ron Perry,

Other Intentions: Lorraine Leonard

In Memoriam: The Canning family,

Lately Dead: Catherine Milliken, Janice Barber,
Seamus McLaughlin, Rosaleen Murphy,
Mary Stuttard, David Hampson, Fr Paul Taylor OMI,
Canon Mortimer Stanley, Mary Young,

Birthday Memoriam: Mary Maidens, Eddie Campion

Anniversaries: Terence Hardy, Stephen Lathom,



MEMORY SPACE AND MEMORIAL WALK IN SUPPORT OF MIND

On 8th October Christopher Whittle, a parishioner, is walking from Llandigai to Llas Ogwen on the Lôn Las Ogwen trail. He's walking in memory of his late brother Anthony Whittle who died on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs. Please support him with sponsorship in aid of mental health charity, Mind. Sponsorship forms are now available at the back of each of each of our three Churches.

Thank you

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AND LEARN

Can you help our less able, more isolated parishioners, please, by bringing Mass into their homes on Sundays (St Mary's 10.00am). It's a great opportunity to learn and add to your skills and knowledge, no matter what age. Our current team who stream our Sunday Masses can quickly teach you, sitting with you until you feel able to go solo. We have written guidance to reassure, and help you develop.

It's an impressive skill set easily learnt, no matter your current 'tech' knowledge.

Our streaming of Sunday Masses brings God's word, and a sense of belonging to our community to those who can't get to Mass every week, and you can bring this joy to our faith family.

Please talk to Fr David, or call Mike Morris on 07563 998 334 or email him via website@goodsamaritanparish.org.uk

A DAY OF HEALING AND PRAYER—ST MARY'S OSWALDTWISTLE TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

On Tuesday 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Mary's Parish, Oswaltdwistle, will celebrate a special Day of Healing and Prayer and everyone is warmly invited to join us. This is an opportunity to bring ourselves, our families and those we love before the Lord in prayer. You may wish to come seeking healing for yourself or for someone you love, or to pray for those experiencing difficulties in body, mind or spirit. Sometimes illness, suffering and the difficulties of life can become a barrier or stumbling block in our relationship with Our Lord Jesus. This day offers an opportunity to place these burdens before Him and to seek His mercy, peace and grace.

Programme

12.00 noon – Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, with several visiting priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

1.00pm – Holy Mass

Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be an opportunity during Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

7.00pm – Evening Healing Service

An evening of prayer for healing, with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and individual prayer ministry.

Everyone is warmly welcome. Please feel free to come for all or part of the day, and particularly consider bringing a family member or friend who may be experiencing a difficult time physically, emotionally or spiritually. Let us entrust this special day to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

PARISH BONUS BALL GAME



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

St John's: ~ Elenor St Mary's: ~ Seamus RIP Christ the King: ~ Kathleen

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

CARITAS SALFORD HIKE FROM DOWNHAM—10KM OR 5KM



Caritas Salford have organised a sponsored hike to raise funds for their work with the needy and disadvantaged in our diocese.

The hike will take place on **Saturday, 5th Sept**, with a shorter 5km route also being incorporated into the overall event, for those who would rather take on a more manageable distance. Both routes start and finish in the picture postcard village of Downham and after returning to the village refreshments can be obtained from the cafe on the village green, or from the pub opposite the church.

There is a leaflet with further details on the notice boards at the back of each of our churches and to register for the event please contact Caritas on: 0161 817 2250 and select option 1 for fund raising or email: fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2026 For Evangelisation in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The March held in London on Saturday September 5th. There will be Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. At the nearby Emmanuel Centre there will be workshops and testimonies from 10.00am. There are specific activities / workshops for young children and teenagers.

There will be a peaceful march around Parliament from 1.30pm with speeches at 3.00pm. Bishop John Arnold will be one of 15 Catholic bishops attending. More information is available from the official website <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/>



Prayers for the success of the March for Life are very much appreciated.

*Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the
night*



*I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my
heart*

CAFOD NEWS— VENEZUELA APPEAL

The situation continues to be dreadful, so the need for your donations, if you are able, please use one of the following methods:

1) Donate online via the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/venezuela-earthquake-appeal> **OR**

2) via phone by calling 0303 303 3030 (9.30am–5.30pm, M–F) **OR**

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

Many thanks for all your support



FREE FIREWOOD FOR COLLECTION FROM ST MARY'S

Following some tree work on an unsafe tree at St Mary's, there is some firewood/logs suitable for a log burner available for collection. Please contact Andrew (07745491050) or Gunther (0777615530) for details and to arrange collection.

POPE LEO'S THOUGHTS ON COMMUNICATION



*"Let us
disarm words
and we will
help to disarm
the world."*

*"Communication
is not only the
transmission of
information, but
it is also the
creation of a
culture."*

*Our neighbours are
not first our ene-
mies ... but other
men and women
with whom we can
speak."*

MASSSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 24TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Bartholomew</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>St Louis</i> 9.15am St Mary's	NB Only one Mass today
Wednesday	<i>Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God</i> 9.30am St John's 2.00pm Funeral Mass at Christ the King Rosaleen Murphy RIP	
Thursday	<i>St Monica</i> 9.30am St Mary's	10.00am St. John's
Friday	<i>St Augustine</i> 10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Mary Young RIP NB sorry there will no Exposition or Reconciliation at St Mary's today.	
Saturday	<i>The Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i> 9.30 St Mary's 10.45 to 11.30am 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	22nd 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)	

EXPOSITION:

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



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.

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.



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 15th/16th August was £1513.59 for which many thanks.

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