

The Parish of the Good Samaritan

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



NEWSLETTER

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH AUGUST 2026 YEAR A



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples after Peter's profession of faith that he is destined to suffer persecution and death at the hands of the religious leaders but will rise again on the third day. This follows Peter's profession of faith that we heard last week about who Jesus is for him. Peter reacts to this saying that this must not happen. Much as Jesus might delight to hear the temptation that an easier life is possible for him, he is wise to see through them, because he is determined to be obedient and faithful to the Father's will. He knows that what lies ahead is necessary for God's plan of salvation for all humankind to be realised. Peter's objection is a stumbling block in his way. In Gethsemane when he will pray, just before His Passion begins, that the cup of suffering may pass him by, he ultimately asked for His Father's will to be done ~ not his own will. He goes on to say, that if anyone wants to be a follower of his, they should renounce themselves, take up their cross and follow him. He goes on to talk about losing our life; if we want to save it. This means being conscientious in the living out of our faith. It also means not



selling God short. It means putting our heart and souls into the tasks that we have been given to do. Through a life of prayer and faithfulness we can work out what God's plan is for us. Whatever our role is, we are to not give into temptation to take the easy way out. This will lead sometimes to confrontation and conflict, but we need to be prepared for that. Jesus teaches us that the right way is always ultimately the best way and is most likely to be God's way too. Anything less than that is to cheat ourselves and cheat God. We might fool other people, but when we cheat, we don't fool ourselves and we don't fool God.

Our following of Christ can be in small steps. God is patient. His challenge is an invitation. Following Christ means faithfulness to our chosen way of life, It also involves concern for others in whatever manner that might involve; the caring gesture, the kind word, the unspoken sorrow, the secret suffering; these all add up. Jesus supports all those who follow him down the narrow road of sacrifice and shares his paschal victory with them.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Thanks to all who organised and supported the most enjoyable garden party last Sunday. It most importantly brought people from across the parish together in an enjoyable and fun atmosphere and in the process raised an amazing net total of £1150.00 towards parish funds. Sincere thanks to everyone.

HAMPER RAFFLE—PRIZES TO CLAIM

A few prizes—including the Luxury Hamper remain unclaimed. The winning ticket are:

Hamper	Green 415	Pamper Set	Green 613	Wine	Orange 334
Wine	Orange 518	Wine	Green 504	Ginger Wine	Orange 401
'Make your Own Kits'	Green 543		Jigsaw Puzzle	Orange 446	

Please call Barbara 07713 718 700 Or Frank 07930 508 209 to claim you prizes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Birthday Memoriam: Ian Stewart

Lately Dead: Catherine Milliken Seamus McLaughlin, Rosaleen Murphy, Janice Barber, Fr Paul Taylor,

Anniversaries: Thomas Edmondson, John Walshe, Pat Bell,

Other Intentions: James Corrigan, Susan McMenamin,



PARISH COACH TRIP TO ST ANNES ON SEA

Thanks to all who organised and supported the trip to St Annes on sea on Tuesday which went really well. It also served as a treat for our altar servers with whom we continue to be blessed with a strong team across the parish. Thanks also to the parents and families who support our servers and enable them to carry out their ministry so regularly.

1ST OF THE MONTH - NEXT SUNDAY

"1st of the Month" is here again on Sunday September 6th. We have refreshments, cakes and drinks, with lots of chat, whilst on the lawn the various cricket, Swingball, football and more games begin! It's **after the 10.45 am mass at St Johns** and all are welcome

CAFOD NEWS – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 30TH AUGUST 2026

'One of our own' runs for CAFOD – On Sunday 13th September, James Capstick, one of our own parishioners will be taking on the challenge of a half-marathon. James will be part of TeamCAFOD as they return to the streets of Newcastle to face the world-famous Great North Run. He has run previously in support of CAFOD's work but has kindly offered to do so again. However, James needs your help to do this. Please will you consider sponsoring his efforts. Your sponsorship donations will help to transform the lives of communities overcoming poverty and injustice around the world.



James and members of the parish CAFOD group will be collecting sponsors over the weekend prior to the race with forms available at the back of our churches. However, the best way to sponsor him is via his Just-Giving page, which is the easiest and cheapest method for CAFOD to collect sponsorship. Through your sponsorship donation you can help make the world a better place for all:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-capstick-7>

The parish CAFOD group want to thank James for deciding to run the Great North Run in aid of CAFOD and wish him the best of luck on race day.

Go James, go!

CARITAS SALFORD HIKE FROM DOWNHAM—10Km or 5Km - NEXT SATURDAY



Caritas Salford have organised a sponsored hike to raise funds for their work with the needy and disadvantaged in our diocese. The hike will be on **Saturday, 5th Sept**, with a shorter 5km route also available for those who would prefer a shorter distance. Both routes start and finish in Downham and refreshments can be obtained from the cafe or the pub

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

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 our three Churches.

Thank you

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

St John's: ~ Rollover St Mary's: ~ Genna Christ the King: ~ Rollover

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

VOLUNTEERING CAN BE SO REWARDING

As Catholics we need to have access to Holy Mass, and so to feel part of a caring community. Could you do something that helps our housebound friends to be able to do both things? Yes, it **could** be you.

We can train you quickly and constantly help you to get and develop the skills which will help you at work, in your studies, and in your everyday life. You would learn to set up and operate the kit to broadcast the Mass at 10.00am on Sundays. It may sound 'too hard' but those who do it now learnt in a few sessions and were competent. The team and written guidance supported them along the way. So, yes you **could** do it.

As one of our team will be leaving to train for the priesthood and another is getting married and moving away we're getting to the stage where we may not be able to continue the weekly broadcasts, so please think hard, and yes, it **could** be you. Call Mike on 07563 998 334 to chat with no commitment. Try it once or twice with no commitment. Even with no IT skills now, yes, it **could** be you.

Don't let our friends who need you down, because yes, it **could** be you.

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



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.

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 with 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 to 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.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE - NEXT SATURDAY

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 activities / workshops for young children and teenagers and adults. 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.



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 (07745 491 050) or Gunther (07776 155 230) for details and to arrange collection.

MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: MONDAY 31ST AUGUST TO SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Please note the changes this week

Monday	<i>St Aiden and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i> 9.30am St Mary's	
Tuesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.15am St John's	NB Only one Mass today
Wednesday	<i>Weekday</i> 9.30am Christ the King	7.00pm St John's
Thursday	<i>St Gregory the Great</i> 9.30am St Mary's	NB Only one Mass today
Friday	<i>St Cuthbert</i> 10.00am Funeral Mass at St Mary's for Seamus McLaughlin RIP NB: No Exposition and Reconciliation today	
Saturday	<i>St Teresa of Calcutta</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	23rd 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)

Stay with us Lord on our journey



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 22/23 was £1477.65 for which many thanks.

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